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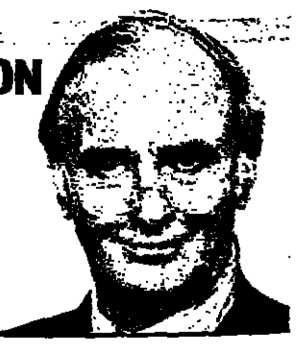

'Calm, rational decisions are needed'

Doctor warns of danger to octuplets

By Dominic Kennedy and Carol Midgley

THE consultant treating Mandy Allwood yesterday called for her to be left in peace, for fear that excessive public interest could harm her and her eight unborn babies.

Miss Allwood, who is 14 weeks pregnant, has been advised that she could earn up to £1 million if all eight survived and she has signed a contract with *The News of the World*, but Professor Kypros Nicolaides yesterday urged the newspaper to withdraw from the deal, saying it could affect her judgment.

"There is a potential indirect danger to the babies, and also there is the problem that it will be very hard to make calm, rational decisions about a matter of life and death," he said.

Miss Allwood, 31, has said that she wants to go ahead with the pregnancy in the face of advice that she should allow some foetuses to be aborted to give the others a better chance of survival. And yesterday her sister, Jackie Burgess, confirmed that that was still her view. "She doesn't want any prodding and poking around and getting rid of this, that or the other. She believes they stand a chance of being born.

"At the moment, they are all healthy and as they should be. She's just going to try and hang on to them for as long as she can. She's just hoping to get to 24 weeks so there is a chance they will all survive."

However, MPs and medical experts have expressed concern that Miss Allwood's determination to continue with the pregnancy may have been influenced by her financial contract with *The News of the World* and the publicist Max Clifford — although Mr Clifford denied yesterday that she amount of cash she received would depend on how many babies were born alive.

"Tragic really — 30 in one go and she forgot to call Max Clifford"

Professor Nicolaides, who took over Miss Allwood's case after the multiple pregnancy had been diagnosed, said that most people faced with a multiple birth opted for selective reduction, and while he said there were no right or wrong decisions, he added: "I am not aware of a single case in history where somebody successfully delivered eight babies.

"There are major decisions which need to be taken with regard to the management of the whole pregnancy, but I do not believe these decisions should be influenced by external factors, including financial considerations. If you have a pregnancy with eight foetuses and you add to that the fact that every decision you take is going to be scrutinised and questioned and talked about by politicians, your family, other groups and the world's media, then it is even more stressful.

"The likelihood of all the babies being born alive is very small, and the media make it even more difficult to treat such a case. I urge all of the media to let this story settle now." Asked if he would like *The News of the World* to withdraw, he said: "Very much so."

Professor Nicolaides, head of foetal medicine at King's College Hospital, London, added that he might go to the Press Complaints Commission if his patient remained in the spotlight.

However, *The News of the World* — whose representatives are guarding Miss Allwood at a "safe house" in the Home Counties — said that she was entirely satisfied with their agreement. It provided "not only substantial financial security, but other practical support too", but if she decided to withdraw, the newspaper would not stand in her way. Stuart Kuttner, the paper's managing editor, added: "She is a mature lady who has taken a decision about her own life."

Roger Gale, chairman of the Conservative backbench media committee, also said that

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MIKE PETTS

A fireman rescues children in the centre of Folkestone yesterday. The town had 2.4 in of rain — the average for a month — in seven hours

August monsoon brings flood chaos

By Stephen Farrell and Kate Alderson

EUROPE'S August monsoon showed no sign of relenting yesterday. A traveller returning from a soaking few days in Italy, Switzerland or Spain would have been greeted on his return across the Channel with the sight of flooded streets in Kent.

Firefighters had to use boats to rescue people from buildings standing in up to 6ft of water. Cars and motorcycles were swept away and six people were injured in Folkestone when a shop collapsed as 2.4in of rain — the monthly average — fell on the town in seven hours.

Folkestone was the area worst hit by the freak storms as an underground pipe channelling a stream broke under the pressure and burst into the sewerage system.

Telephone and electricity lines were cut and traffic on the M20 was halted by poor visibility.

One witness, David Hebditch, said: "It was all so quick. One minute there was just spatterings of rain after an earlier thunderstorm, then the waters just started to go up and up."

Geoffrey Cooper, for Kent Fire Brigade, said: "We had stories of collapsed sewers, widespread flooding and we even mobilised our two inland boats to help to rescue people from first-floor buildings. The water pressure swept away manhole covers and one out-building in a park in Folkestone collapsed."

Hythe and Ashford were without electricity after a lightning strike cut supplies. The Eurostar rail services through the Channel Tunnel were among trains delayed because signalling at Ashford was affected.

Kent Fire Brigade took one emergency call every 20 seconds as rescue workers searched collapsed buildings to make sure no one was trapped. More than 40 people were rescued and nine were taken to hospital.

The downpour was caused by a low pressure system in the North Sea and light winds over east Kent which kept thunder clouds overhead instead of driving them inland.

Although the rest of Britain was unaffected, some areas basking in warm sunshine, thunderstorms have swept the continent including northern France, the Low Countries, Alps, Austria and the Balkans.

Tuscany, where the Labour leader Tony Blair is holidaying, was hit by storms over the weekend but escaped yesterday. John Major, in Cannes, enjoyed finer weather.

☐ A power cut in Manchester's city centre stopped traffic lights, forced Granada Television off air and left 10,000 customers in shops, offices and homes without electricity for 20 minutes yesterday.

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Buchanan backs Dole campaign

The Republican party convention opened with another boost for Bob Dole when Pat Buchanan abandoned his threat to form a breakaway party, declared a temporary truce in his war with the Republican establishment, and ordered his rebel army to start working for President Clinton's defeat.........Page 13

Lloyd's names action delayed

Rebel names were granted extra time to prepare their legal challenge against Lloyd's of London, after a judge said that the action could have an "explosive" effect. Lloyd's said that victory for the group representing 3,000 names, would kill a proposed £3.2 billion rescue package.....................Page 25

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Wall St speculates on a new home

From Quentin Letts in New York

THE New York Stock Exchange is considering a move from its headquarters on Manhattan's Wall Street.

The exchange, pillar of Western capitalism, said yesterday that shortage of space and the difficulty of installing modern office equipment in its landmark building were the reasons. "We are in the early stages of examining our needs," said Andrew Yemma, a spokesman.

The classical-style exchange, built in 1903, is a splendid curiosity amid Manhattan's skyscrapers. Its revival columns, a draw for tourist bus tours, embodied the exchange's status as a temple to deal-making. It survived the First World War, when the exchange closed, and it overcame the crash of 1929.

Inside, however, working conditions have not kept pace with techonology. In the Eighties, when so much business could be done on computer screens, some of the great brokerage houses moved to Manhattan's Midtown. Despite the diaspora, "Wall Street" remains the generic term for the city's financial community.

Manhattan's pillar of Western capitalism

Tension rises as Serbs veto bid to seize Mladic

By Michael Evans and Eve-Ann Prentice

BOSNIAN Serbs refused to allow Nato forces access to a heavy weapons site in what is thought to be an attempt to prevent the arrest of General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb army commander.

Their refusal is in breach of the Dayton peace accord. The weapons site at Han Pijesak, east of Sarajevo, is the headquarters of General Mladic, who has been indicted on war crimes charges by the international war crimes tribunal at The Hague. General Mladic is believed to have been at the Han Pijesak site, a series of heavy weapons bunkers, when the Nato inspection team tried to gain access last Friday.

The Nato-led Implementation Force (Ifor) of 52,000 troops has orders to arrest on sight General Mladic and Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, who recently was forced to step down as President. Dr Karadzic has also been indicted as an alleged war criminal.

After a three-day stand-off with the Serbs at Han Pijesak, Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Walker, the British Ifor commander, put into immediate operation a comprehensive security plan, codenamed Operation Fear Naught, for all Nato ground forces in Bosnia.

As tension rose yesterday, the Serbs appeared to back down. Biljana Plavsic, who replaced Dr Karadzic as Serb President, said Nato would be allowed to inspect the site. She was speaking after a meeting with Peter Feith, political adviser to Admiral Joseph Lopez, overall Nato commander of the Bosnian operation. The inspection was expected to take place in the next 24 to 48 hours, Mr Feith said in Pale, the Serb stronghold.

Under Operation Fear Naught, all troops in isolated positions in Republika Srpska, the autonomous province created under Dayton, were ordered yesterday to pull back to secure Ifor bases. An Ifor official said: "We have a lot of troops in small units acting in a liaison role or working with civilians. As a precautionary measure, General Walker has ordered them all to withdraw to larger, more secure areas."

The general also recommended that all non-governmental organisations and other international civilian bodies should withdraw their foreign staff from Republika Srpska as soon as possible. UN police officers on Serb territory were ordered to pull back to peace force bases.

New law makes it easier to marry in haste

By Ruth Gledhill
Religion Correspondent

COUPLES will soon be able to marry in register offices in under four minutes. The 49-word vows at the legal heart of civil marriage have been cut to 30 to make the archaic language easier to understand.

The Royal Assent has been given to an Act that changes the form of words used in most marriage ceremonies in England and Wales. Isobel Macdonald Davies, Deputy Registrar-General for England and Wales, said: "These words ... give people choice." But, she added, couples often chose poetry and other readings to supplement the legally required words. Most register office weddings take from 15 to 30 minutes.

The new form is for use in register offices and Roman Catholic and Free churches. The Church of England, Church in Wales, Quakers and Jewish community can legally use their own words.

Under the Marriage Act 1949, the words are:

Declaration: "I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I, AB, may not be joined in matrimony to CD."

Words of Contract: "I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, AB, do take thee, CD, to be my lawful wedded wife (or husband)." Under the Marriage Ceremony (Prescribed Words) Act 1996, the words are:

Declaration: *Either* "I declare that I know of no legal reason why I [name] may not be joined in marriage to [name]." Alternatively the couple may answer "I am" to the question "Are you [name] free lawfully to marry [name]?"

Words of Contract: "I [name] take you [name] to be my wedded wife (or husband)."

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Anti-crime Bills boost Howard's claim to inherit

By Philip Webster, political editor

Howard: wins whatever the election result

MICHAEL HOWARD is preparing to introduce four substantial Bills in the autumn in a move that seems certain to enhance his stature on the right of the party.

The Home Secretary will be at the centre of political debate in the last months of the current Parliament as he unveils Bills for minimum sentences for drug dealers and burglars and automatic life sentences for second-time rapists; for a voluntary identity card scheme; and for a crime squad to tackle organised crime. His fourth Bill will contain measures to tighten controls on guns.

For one Cabinet minister to have four big Bills in any parliamentary session is unusual. But for Mr Howard to achieve that in a Parliament that will inevitably be cut short by the general election means that he will have the highest profile of any senior minister in the vital months before polling.

The Cabinet is understood to have given Mr Howard approval in principle to introduce the Bills and he is reported to be determined to use them to strengthen the Conservatives' law and order credentials in the election, which will almost certainly take place next April or May.

If the Conservatives lose the election there is likely to be a leadership battle within weeks as John Major stands down. Influential Conservative MPs believe that it is simplistic to see the fight for the right-wing vote as between John Redwood and Michael Portillo.

Some members of the 1922 Committee executive say that Mr Howard, who has been scrupulously loyal to Mr Major, is emerging as a candidate for the Right's vote because of his strong Euro-scepticism and backing for various rightwing causes. But they also believe that he will appeal to a wider section of the party if it concludes that Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine are barred by their pro-Europeanism.

Mr Howard's supporters believe that his inevitable clash with the Labour Party and the judiciary over his plans for minimum sentences will do nothing to harm Conservative prospects in the election, or his own in the event of a Conservative defeat. Mr Howard is likely to try to put Labour MPs on the spot by challenging them to help him to get the Bill through speedily.

If he fails he will ensure that law and order is a central issue of the election by announcing that the plans will be re-pledged in the manifesto.

Mr Howard's Bills will be:

☐ A criminal justice Bill that will introduce the concept of minimum sentences, already attacked by judges for compromising their independence. Persistent burglars will have minimum sentences of three years after being convicted three times, and drug dealers seven years after being convicted three times. There will be automatic life sentences for second-time rapists and serious sexual offenders. There will be proposals for a national sex offenders' register and a ban on convicted paedophiles applying for jobs with children.

☐ A measure to bring in a voluntary ID card based on the photocard driving licence that will come into use next year. It will also serve as a travel pass through the European Union.

☐ A Bill to set up a national police squad to target organised crime, which would start operating by 1988. It will work alongside the National Criminal Intelligence Service, which would be expanded. The Bill will also contain proposals to enforce greater accountability in police bugging and electronic surveillance operations.

☐ A guns measure. There is a growing likelihood that much stronger controls, possibly including a ban on handguns, will be recommended by the Cullen inquiry into the Dunblane shootings. Mr Howard has let it be known that he is likely to follow closely any of the inquiry's recommendations.

New poster, new danger as Tory slogan backfires

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

THE Conservative Party faced a growing backlash last night from a senior churchman and Tory MPs over its poster portraying Tony Blair with demonic burning red eyes.

The Rt Rev Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford warned that it was dangerous to draw on satanic imagery and appealed to politicians to resist any further personal attacks on their opponents. John Biffen, a former Cabinet minister, urged the party to adopt the traditional methods of argument and political debate. He said that there was plenty of ammunition with which the Tories could criticise Mr Blair.

In an article in *The Times* today Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, who is coordinating the summer offensive against Labour, acknowledged that some Conservatives regretted the attacks on their opponents. But he defended the posters.

He wrote: "We have to expose the reality and make the dangers clear. Mr Blair's face is the face of New Labour. His is the smile of reassurance. From his lips come the pleasing soundbites. On the face of new Labour we put the red eyes symbolising danger."

Despite Mr Portillo's defence, the Tories appeared last night to have taken the criticism to heart. Officials made clear that the poster was a one-off and that there were no plans to rerun it. "I don't think it will ever be seen again," said one senior Tory.

Sir Julian Critchley, the veteran Tory MP for Aldershot, said: "The poster is childish, counter-productive, and turns voters off. I could barely believe it when I saw it. I do not know what has become of our advertising department. It is just not credible to paint Tony Blair as a demon. Satire has to be clever to work."

A senior member of the Tory backbench 1922 Committee: "It is bloody awful. It is typical of why the voters have lost so much respect for politicians. We are living in the age of the pygmy."

The poster carried comments from Clare Short, from her interview in the *New Statesman* last week about the "dark forces" surrounding Mr Blair. It was devised by the party's advertising agency for Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman.

REUBEN BAXTER

Bellaghy residents watching loyalists march through the village yesterday

Unionists and nationalists agree deal over parade

By Nicholas Watt, chief Ireland correspondent

A TENSE stand-off between hundreds of nationalists and Unionists in Co Londonderry ended peacefully yesterday when the two sides reached an agreement over a contentious loyalist parade.

More than 400 members of the Royal Black Preceptory marched along a shortened route through the village of Bellaghy after hammering out a compromise with local nationalists during 18 hours of negotiations. The loyalists, who had been separated from the nationalists throughout Sunday night by police in riot gear, marched up to Bellaghy's Orange Hall in full view of hundreds of local nationalists. A few nationalists and Unionists jostled as the Blackmen turned round to march back into the centre of the village.

John Junkin, a Blackman who is also an Ulster Unionist councillor, said he was delighted that the stand-off ended peacefully. "I think common sense prevailed. It can only be a good omen for the future that there was no conflict." Paul Smith, spokesman for the nationalist residents, also described the agreement as a victory for common sense. "We thrashed out everything we could with them. We talked through many different ways of trying to resolve this. We reckoned this is the most sensible."

The agreement in Bellaghy came after a weekend of contentious marches throughout Northern Ireland passed off peacefully, although there were minor disturbances in Londonderry and in Co Antrim on Saturday night. Nationalist and Unionist leaders took heart that there was no repeat of last month's disturbances during the stand-off at Drumcree.

The next major series of marches will take place on August 31 when 30,000 members of the Royal Black Institution hold their annual Last Saturday of August marches. The main parades will take place in Protestant areas, but there could be sectarian clashes at a series of smaller parades which act as "feeders" to the main marches.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tube strike is off as unions vote on deal

Today's planned strike on the London Underground was called off yesterday as union leaders agreed to canvass members on a new deal that would give workers a 35-hour week. But the two unions involved in the dispute have split on the proposal. Aslef, which represents the majority of London Underground drivers, is recommending agreement, while the RMT transport union is urging its members to reject the deal.

The unions are to hold ballots to gauge the feeling of their membership with results to be known by August 21, two days ahead of the next planned one-day strike. The deal would cut drivers' hours from 38½ to 35 a week and 180 new drivers would be recruited.

No 10 man for Goldsmith

Ian Beaumont, 38, a former 10 Downing Street aide, has been appointed chief press officer of the Referendum Party by Sir James Goldsmith in what will be seen as something of a coup for the billionaire financier. Mr Beaumont spent seven years in the No 10 press office, working for Margaret Thatcher and John Major, before joining the Metropolitan Police press team two years ago. He replaces Michael Gunton, who steps down for health reasons.

Barclay judgment

Guernsey's Bailiff, Sir Graham Dorey, has decided to reserve his judgment on whether the Crown can be allowed to become a second defendant in an action brought by the Barclay twins. The Barclay brothers, who have just moved into a £40m castle on Brecqhou, are seeking to remove their tiny Channel island from the jurisdiction of neighbouring Sark, especially the latter's feudal inheritance laws.

Scots want wide poll

Most Scots want the option of voting for full independence if there is to be a referendum on constitutional change, the Scottish National Party said yesterday. Alex Salmond, its leader, hailed a poll for the party which showed people favoured — by a majority of six to one — being given the chance to vote for independence. He said that if there was a constitutional referendum, the option of independence must be tested.

BA jet 'wing crack' alert

A jumbo jet made an emergency landing at Heathrow after a passenger spotted a crack in the wing, an official report revealed yesterday. The captain of a British Airways 747 decided the split in a fibreglass panel looked "bad" as the Boston-bound jet reached 15,000 feet after take-off, said the report by the Government's Air Accidents Investigation Branch. A BA spokesman described the fault as "minor".

16 injured in tram crash

Up to 16 people were injured when a lorry and a tram collided in Manchester city centre during last night's rush hour. Police said 13 people on the Metrolink tram suffered slight injuries in the accident at the junction of Corporation Street and Miller Street. One man suffered serious rib injuries. The Dutch lorry driver and a passenger were also hurt.

Wilder stage debut

The Hollywood actor Gene Wilder, star of *Blazing Saddles* and *The Woman in Red*, made his British stage debut last night at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre in Guildford, Surrey. He takes the lead role in the new Neil Simon comedy *Laughter on the 23rd Floor*. The play comes to the Queen's theatre, London, in October after a provincial tour that includes Norwich and Bath.

Rival for Madden

The left-wing Labour MP Max Madden faces a challenge from Britain's first Asian Lord Mayor for his Bradford West seat. Mr Madden, 55, has reversed an earlier decision to retire from Parliament at the next election. Mohammed Ajeeb, 58, who became Lord Mayor of Bradford 11 years ago, said he intended to be among the challengers to be Labour's candidate.

Geoff Hamilton tribute

Geoff Hamilton's identical twin paid tribute to him at his funeral in Exton, Leicestershire. Tony Hamilton, 59, said his brother, who presented BBC2's *Gardeners' World* for 17 years, "lived the lives of ten men with some to spare" and died helping other people to try to improve the world. A large number of floral tributes included many sent by viewers. Mr Hamilton died of a heart attack on August 4.

Kidd still critical

Eddie Kidd, the motorcycle stunt man, remained critical and unconscious in Warwick Hospital yesterday, after suffering head and pelvic injuries in a crash at a weekend rally. His family, including his parents and wife Sarah, were at his bedside. His two-year-old son Jack was staying with friends. Kidd, 36, was still on a ventilator and doctors do not know if he has suffered brain damage.

Leave octuplet mother in peace, pleads consultant

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the matter should be referred to the commission, and he described the way the story had been sold as quite revolting.

"My concern was, and still is, that in this kind of case, newspapers — particularly very powerful multinational media organisations — should exercise at least a degree of self-control and morality, even if some other people are unable to do so.

"My major concern is the fact that a person who appears not to have the means to bring up the children should have been offered this kind of treatment in the first place."

Doctors also expressed surprise yesterday that Miss Allwood had been given powerful fertility drugs in apparent contravention of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists' guidelines, which say that treatment to stimulate ovulation should be restricted to "appropriately investigated couples . . . in whom such treatment has been shown to be beneficial in view of its costs and risks".

The college also recommends that the welfare of any resulting child and of any existing children should be considered, and couples should be made aware of the problems and risks of multiple pregnancy.

Miss Allwood, has been with Paul Hudson for two years, but he spends alternate nights with another girlfriend by whom he has two children. Miss Allwood is the mother of a five-year-old son by her ex-husband, had an abortion in 1993 and a miscarriage last year.

The Priory Hospital in Edgbaston, which treated Miss Allwood, insists that it provides assistance only for couples in stable relationships, and says that in 99 per cent of cases it sees the prospective parents together at least twice — although it admitted that in some cases it treated women without having interviews their partners.

It is unclear whether Miss Allwood told the clinic her full circumstances, but Mr Hudson has said that he did not know that she had sought help until after she began taking the drugs. He was not ready to have more children and insisted that she stop immediately — but by then she was pregnant.

Richard Nicholson, editor of the *Bulletin of Medical Ethics*, said: "How is it that a couple, the female of which had one child of her own and the male of which had two children of his own, could be diagnosed as an infertile couple needing treatment without the male having any knowledge that fertility treatment was being sought?"

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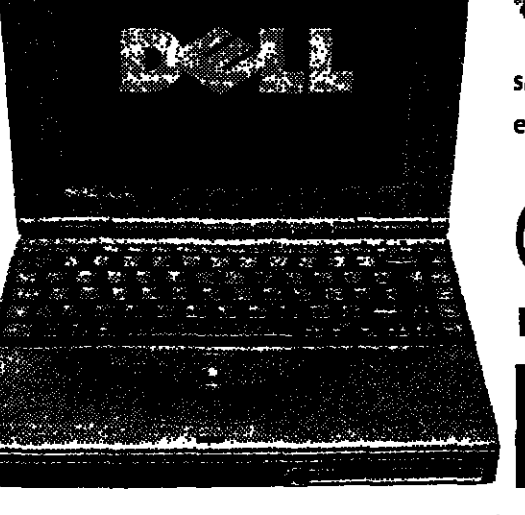

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THE SMALLEST THEATRE IN THE WORLD

Thinking small: Marcel Steiner performs *Macbeth*, left — *his theatre also has its own crush-bar, a chandelier and flock wallpaper* — while Adrian Bunting acts out his drama of a life-or-death struggle set in a gas oven

Fringe title challenge by the smallest shows on earth

By Dalya Alberge
Arts Correspondent

SOME performers dream of making it big on the Edinburgh Fringe. Very few have a *dream of* making it small.

Unfortunately, two performers *both claiming to have the smallest* shows on earth have been booked into the same courtyard *venue at this year's event. Last* night there were fears that the city might not be big enough for the two of them.

Marcel Steiner, who performs epic dramas in a motorcycle sidecar, is threatening legal ac*tion against Adrian Bunting,* whose productions take place in a wooden box.

Mr Steiner, whose Smallest Theatre in the World is registered with Companies House, said: "I've been going 25 years."

Mr Bunting, who has been running the World's Smallest Theatre for three years, said he would relish letting a court decide: "He may have registered the name, but this is just a descrip*tion of something. You could fit* 20 of mine in his. Ours is patently the World's Smallest Theatre. He can be called The Slightly Larger Theatre in the World."

Mr Steiner's self-contained theatre tours festivals worldwide with a cast of two or three actors.

In Edinburgh, there are two productions daily, *Macbeth* and *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. The sidecar is 6ft long by 6ft high, and about a yard wide. It includes "the world's smallest bar" — redefining the idea of the theatre crush-bar — as well as a chandelier *and flock wallpaper.*

Mr Bunting has no set *performance schedule.* He turns up with his box and awaits an audience. *Someone turning up is* his cue to start. As he can only take one spectator, just one person *means a sell-out* show.

The "audience" balances the box on their shoulders. Mr Bunting and his co-star, Clea Smith, peer through holes in it and perform a three-minute production about suicide, which is set in a gas oven. He claimed: "We booked here first."

Their rivalry at this year's *festival is fuelled by their unfortunate* proximity to one another. They are both booked into the courtyard of the *Pleasance* Theatre, and are performing only ten yards apart.

Richard Osborne, *associate director of the* Pleasance Theatre, said: "Let the battle commence. May the best theatre win."

☐ A Glaswegian *murderer who* discovered art in Barlinnie Prison has staged one of the most *important sculpture exhibitions* at the Edinburgh Festival. Jimmy Boyle is showing 16 figurative bronzes in the gallery of the Demarco European Art Foundation, whose director Richard Demarco inspired him to become an artist on prison visits 25 years ago. Mr Boyle, 52, was released 15 years ago from a life sentence *for a gangland killing. His works* cost from £1,500.

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Families mourn young lives lost in dyke crash

By Lin Jenkins

Danny Campbell: loved music, art and football

FRIENDS and family of the five teenagers who died when *their* car overturned in a Lincolnshire dyke spoke yesterday of their grief at the loss of so many young lives.

John Campbell, 46, whose son Danny was among those who died, recalled both the *irritation and the* joy of having a teenage son as he fought to come to terms with his death. "Danny was a very bright lad. He loved music — especially that jungle music which he drove us mad with every day on the radio. He loved art and football. He loved life — people loved him," he said.

Danny, 14, died with his friends Mark Lee, 17, Jamie Wood, 16, Stuart Bevins, 16, and *Benjamin* O'Gorman, 17, when their Montego car overturned and landed in 4ft of water in a 20ft-wide dyke running to the sea at the Coral Beach caravan park at Ingoldmells on Sunday. They had been on a weekend away from their homes in the Leicester area visiting friends at the caravan site. They died when the car failed to take a junction on the private road leaving the *site just before 5am.*

Mr Campbell, recalling his son, said he was neither a *drug-taker nor a joy rider.* Danny had earned the money for the holiday near Skegness *by working for him.* "He was a wonderful person. Everyone on this estate loved him." He said his son had been *sleeping* in the back of the car when some of the others decided to go for a drive. "It was a cruel piece of fate."

Danny's twin sister Jodie said: "I loved my brother very *much* and I will never get over him. He wasn't just a twin brother — he was special to me."

Jamie Measham, 19, a plasterer, who was the sole survivor of the crash after winding *down a window, climbing out* and trying to save the others, spent yesterday with his parents *and two brothers* at their home on the Thurnby Lodge estate, near Leicester, trying to come to terms with *the death* of his friends.

His father, Jeff, 35, said: "Jamie can't remember much about what happened. All of the boys were good friends. They had grown up together *and had* gone away for a couple of nights at the seaside." Mr Measham denied *claims made by the owners of* the caravan site that the six friends had been to an all-*night rave party.*

Efforts by holidaymakers and later the emergency services *to resuscitate* the five proved futile. Inspector Les Parker, of Lincolnshire police, said: *"They had spent several* hours on the site when the tragedy happened."

Meridian censured for film trailer ban

By Peter Foster

AN ITV company that refused to show trailers for *Four Weddings and a Funeral* because the film contained swearing was reprimanded by the Independent Television Commission.

Meridian, which broadcasts to the south coast, blocked peak-time trailers for Channel 4's screening of the film last November. The company said *it was policy not to broadcast* trailers for a programme with bad language when children were *likely to be watching.*

Four Weddings, which was screened after 9pm, opens with a string of four-letter words from Hugh Grant's character.

The reprimand, published yesterday in the ITC's monthly report on programme complaints and interventions, re*minded Meridian* that it had a duty to advertise Channel 4 programmes regardless of content. A *spokesman for the* commission said: "It is highly unusual for a company to *refuse* to co-operate in this way."

Meridian was the only one of 15 ITV companies to refuse to show the trailer. "We take everything the ITC says very seriously but we have also got our viewers to consider," Meridian said.

☐ The ITC upheld a complaint concerning one of its own advertisements. The television commercial, promoting the adult viewing watershed, showed a small boy shocked by a gun battle on television. *Transmission* was restricted to after 9pm, and the satellite channel VH1 was criticised for *showing it at 5pm on a Sunday.*

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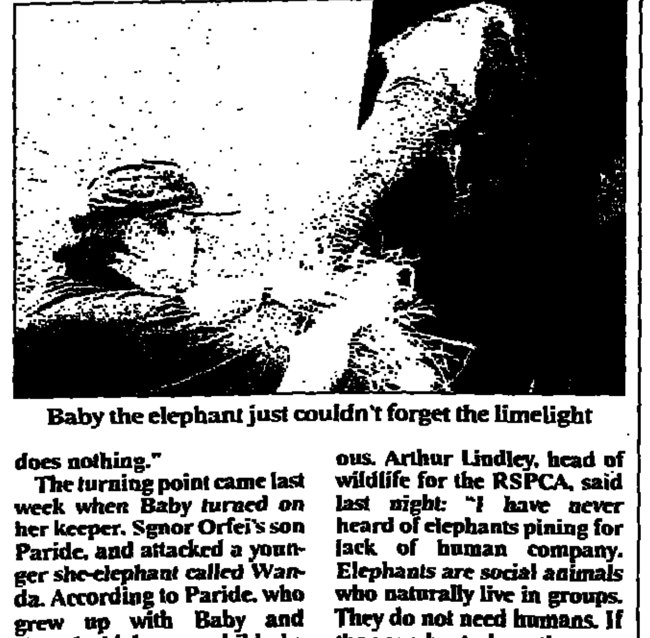
Elephant can't say goodbye to circus

From Richard Owen
in Rome



Baby the elephant just couldn't forget the limelight

ZOOS in Rome and Naples last night offered to save the *life* of Italy's favourite elephant, whose owner is threatening to have it put down on *Friday.* Baby, a 3½-ton, 35-year-old female Indian elephant and one-time star *performer* in the Orfei circus, is said by her owners to be wasting away from a lack of limelight after *being* forced by animal rights activists to retire from a lifetime of celebrity in the ring.

Nando Orfei, head of the 180-year-old circus — one of the oldest family-run circuses in *Europe* — said: "She is wasting away; she is suffering, and most of the time just does nothing."

The *turning* point came last week *when* Baby *turned on* her keeper, Sgnor Orfei's son Paride, and attacked a younger *she-elephant called* Wanda. According to Paride, who grew up with Baby and played with her as a *child*, she *had* become a danger to her keepers and other animals.

Italian animal experts have *claimed that circus* animals can suffer when deprived of human attention. But British authorities are more dubious. Arthur Lindley, head of wildlife for the RSPCA, said last *night*: "*I* have never heard of elephants pining for lack of human company. *Elephants are social animals* who naturally live in groups. They do not need humans. If *they are kept alone they* can easily exhibit signs of boredom, like pacing, head-swinging, or biting the bars *of their cage.*" The case of Baby "sounds like an excuse for disposing of an unwanted animal," *Mr Lindley* said.

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Exam results outpacing standards

Top A-level grades 'easier now than twenty years ago'

By David Charter, Education Correspondent

TOP A-level grades are easier to obtain in some subjects than they were 20 years ago, according to preliminary findings of a study by leading independent schools.

Research by the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference, which represents 250 leading independent schools, has found evidence of "grade inflation" after comparing examination papers stretching back over two decades and inviting evidence from teachers. However, an initial comparison with examination material from the mid-1970s and mid-1980s also shows that, in some subject areas, today's students are producing better work than their predecessors.

A full report will not be ready until the autumn once the evidence has been analysed further, about the same time as the Government's own inquiry into standards ordered after last year's record A-level grades. The HMC's early findings are bound to fuel the debate about standards, especially as the pass rate is expected to rise further when A-level results are published on Thursday.

Vivian Anthony, secretary of the HMC, said a pattern of both rising quality and inflated grades was emerging from the research. He said: "Candidates are doing better work in some elements but the grades they are getting are also higher than are justified by the old standards."

Dozens of schools have submitted past papers, pupils' scripts and notes of observations sent by teachers to examination boards about the whole range of A-level subjects.

Mr Anthony said: "This is an attempt on our part to try to obtain from schools their best impressions on what is actually happening to the quality of work coming from their pupils."

The early findings are believed to be based on evidence in mathematics and the sciences, where comparison is more straightforward than for arts subjects. Mr Anthony added: "Early glances through the returns indicate that there are features in most subjects where teachers would say candidates are performing at a higher level than candidates in previous years. I am not trying to say in all aspects of their work it is believed that everything is better than it was before. I know there is a feeling that there is a deal of grade inflation.

"It is quite likely that the overall quality of what is being done is better than what it was before. It is simply that they are being given inflated grades for what they have done, so there is a two-way process. Students are getting better but the rewards they are getting are probably more than they would deserve compared to the old standards."

Mr Anthony discloses details of the research in a letter to *The Times* today, in which he defends modular A levels, courses made up of units roughly equivalent to a term's work, which are examined as and when they are completed. Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, is due to act in the autumn to curb some of the flexibility of these courses, including restricting the number of times a unit can be retaken.

Mr Anthony said: "By dividing a course with units and allowing exams to be re-taken, the number of students able to cope with A level has been increased. We should applaud such progress rather than seek to restrict it."

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Anthony: said grades higher than justified

One of five watercolours Dame Vera is "thrilled" to be exhibiting in village hall

Dame Vera says it with flowers in local art show

By Emma Wilkins

DAME Vera Lynn is celebrating more than 50 years as an amateur artist by exhibiting some of her watercolours for the first time. Just a few months before her 80th birthday, Dame Vera is taking part in the annual arts show in her local village hall at Ditchling, West Sussex.

Dame Vera, who took up painting flowers in 1940 at the height of her war-time singing career, has an endless supply of blooms from the numerous bouquets she is sent by admirers.

"It's absolutely thrilling to be asked to show my paintings in the village," Dame Vera said yesterday. "I'm delighted and looking forward to it very much."

Dame Vera's display continues an artistic tradition established at Ditchling in 1907 with the arrival of Eric Gill, the sculptor, who established the arts and crafts movement in the village.

His nephew, John Skelton, also a sculptor, is president of the Ditchling Handworkers Guild, organisers of the exhibition opening on August 24. Claude Murrills, Dame Vera's art teacher, said the five flower paintings which will be displayed were the best examples of her work.

"She is a very talented lady: an excellent draughtswoman with a good eye for colour. She has a studio in her home. When she first came to me she was already good at flowers. We have been working on her landscapes."

Dame Vera: "She has a good eye for colour"

Poverty blamed for drop in pass rate to the Bar

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

A DROP in the percentage of those who passed this year's Bar finals is being blamed on the extreme financial difficulties now faced by many students.

This year 863 students out of 1,126, or 77 per cent, passed the Bar vocational course, compared with 883 students out of 1,011, or 87 per cent, last year. All who fail can resit.

Most students have to work part-time to pay the £5,200 fees of the Bar's one-year vocational course, a compulsory first hurdle in gaining entry to the profession. They also have to meet the cost of living in London, plus travel expenses.

Another factor, according to the Bar school (Inns of Court School of Law) is the difficulties and time involved for students in obtaining a training place with a set of chambers. The latest Bar school examination figures also show a continuing disparity between black and white students. A greater number of black and ethnic-minority students — 124 — passed than in previous years, but there is still a wide gap in their pass rate (58 per cent) compared with that of white students (81 per cent).

Mary Phillips, Dean of the Bar school, said: "We are very concerned that students' performance this year may have been affected by the increasing difficulties which Bar students are having in obtaining pupillages (training places). We are also very aware of the extreme financial difficulties experienced by many on the course through lack of grants."

There has been a dramatic drop over the past ten years in the number of students obtaining local authority grants to cover their course fees. In 1984-85, 80 per cent of students on the Bar vocational course obtained a grant to cover the full cost of fees. Now the figure is 6 per cent. There has been a slight rise, from 2 per cent to 13 per cent, in the numbers obtaining a grant towards part of their fees but overall the majority of students receive no help at all.

"One is aware of how many of them seem to doing part-time jobs," Mrs Phillips added. "In the old days, they might to a spot of teaching. But now they seem to do what they can find — bar work, taxi-driving . . . Some are in a very bad state. They can't even afford the fare into central London from the suburbs."

From September 1997 the Bar school in London would be running a part-time course and that would help some students, she said. The Bar Council has also approved six other institutions to run the course in the regions for the first time from autumn 1997.

A Bar Council spokesman said that although obtaining trainee places was difficult, that had been the case for some years and could not explain fully the drop in the pass rate. "Closer monitoring and investigation will be needed to establish the full picture," he said.

He added that measures had been taken to improve access to the profession for prospective barristers, including a new clearing house for chambers applications, so that students could apply to several sets of chambers with one application form.

The profession as a whole and individual chambers were now providing more bursaries and grants to students and the Bar. The Government, however, had resisted providing increased funds for local authorities to award more discretionary grants.

There was also concern, the spokesman said, at the continuing disparity between black and white students, despite the better results this year. "The Bar Council this year has adopted a comprehensive equality code providing guidance for the Bar aimed at ensuring that entry to the profession is on merit."

Mr Geoffrey Chapman

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Tangled web of relationships led to controversial publicity deal with newspaper

Plea for a child that resulted in eight foetuses

By Carol Midgley and Dominic Kennedy

THE furore over the single woman who is pregnant with octuplets was triggered when Mandy Allwood walked into her GP's surgery in Solihull, West Midlands, in mid April and confided that she was desperate for a child.

She had first met Paul Hudson, the man who was to become the father of her eight unborn babies, in late 1992. Mr Hudson, a property developer, asked her to become manager of his new letting business in Birmingham, a job that gave her £1,000 a month and a car.

By 1994 her 11-year marriage to Simon Pugh, a plasterer with whom she had a son, Charlie, now 5, was failing and she agreed to go on a date to a nightclub with Mr Hudson, despite the fact he had a long-term girlfriend, Maria Edwards, and a baby son, Kane.

In June that year Miss Allwood separated from her husband and moved into a flat next door to Mr Hudson. They began a relationship. In October 1995, by which time Mr Hudson's property business had failed, she became pregnant for the first time by Mr Hudson.

According to her friends, she was overjoyed, regarding the pregnancy as a means of laying full claim to Mr Hudson, who had continued his relationship with Miss Edwards. By the end of December 1995, however, she had miscarried.

Nicolaides: is caring for Mandy Allwood

She resolved to become pregnant again as soon as possible, apparently unconcerned that Miss Edwards was about to give birth to Mr Hudson's second son, Zack.

When by April Miss Allwood had failed to conceive, she went to see her GP who agreed to refer her to the private Priory Clinic in Edgbaston, West Midlands.

She was prescribed a seven-day course of the hormone Metrodin and a booster drug Pregnyl and warned not to have unprotected sexual intercourse during that period to avoid a multiple pregnancy.

Mr Hudson, who disliked the idea of fertility drugs and had said that he was unprepared for another child, was not told what had happened.

Two days into the course, Miss Allwood decided to confess to Mr Hudson, who ordered her to cease the treatment immediately. But Miss Allwood, it appears, was already pregnant.

In May, Miss Allwood bought a pregnancy testing kit which showed positive. In July she underwent a series of scans at the Priory Clinic which revealed that she was carrying eight babies.

The couple first consulted with their solicitor, Michael Woolridge, and then Mr Hudson telephoned Central Television in Birmingham, where the reaction from journalists confirmed that the couple had a valuable property.

They transferred their attentions to the *News of the World* on Monday, August 7. After taking further advice they then arranged to meet Max Clifford, the PR consultant, on Wednesday. He agreed to handle the sponsorship and media fees and the deal was complete.

The *News of the World* has also arranged for Miss Allwood to stay at a secret address close to King's College Hospital in south London, where she is under the care of Professor Kypros Nicolaides, head of foetal medicine.

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Mandy Allwood, left, pregnant by Paul Hudson, and Maria Edwards, who already has two children by him

Power over life is a privilege to be exercised with caution

MEDICAL BRIEFING

The Victorian concept of the doctor, kindly, wise, paternalistic, even patronising, as much pastor as physician, didn't survive the social upheaval of the 1960s. Had it been possible for a case like Mandy Allwood's to come before a GP 50 years ago, it is unlikely that she, her boyfriend Paul Hudson and the eight embryos would now be facing a potential medical and social disaster created by over-stimulation of her ovaries.

The traditional, old-fashioned doctor would probably have been indifferent to being labelled judgmental and would have refused — it is hoped politely — to be a party to the use of such powerful drugs as are used in fertility treatment without a broad check on the patient's social and domestic background.

The doctor would have been interested in the patient's motivation in wanting a baby. Was it to satisfy maternal longing? To provide a sibling? To cement a tottering relationship? Was the child wanted as an emotional lever over the partner? It would also be necessary to investigate the likelihood that a patient would be prepared to co-operate in the careful monitoring that is needed once fertility drugs have been prescribed. For in this treatment, care is owed not just to the mother and father but also to the unborn child or children who may well have to spend a lifetime contending with the consequences of a prescription issued in a busy outpatient clinic.

Patients sometimes look rather surprised when asked routine questions by their doctor about their household and lifestyle, but these are very relevant to both diagnosis and treatment. The fertility drugs stocked on the shelves of Boots have the ability to alter completely a family's life and have the capacity to be lethal as well as creative.

It may not be a very entrancing thought that for some women conception is only possible with the help of an extract of the urine of pregnant patients — which is used to produce chorionic gonadotrophin (Pregnyl) given after the ovaries have been primed with Metrodin, prepared from the urine of women who are post-menopausal — but it is very much better than not being able to conceive at all.

It is a privilege to have such power, but it is a privilege which has to be exercised with some caution.

When infertility is a problem, polycystic ovarian disease is always considered as a possible cause. This diagnosis has been mentioned in relation to the case of Miss Allwood. This is when the balance between two hormones, LH and FSH, produced by the pituitary gland, is abnormal, with too much LH and too little FSH. Most but not all women with polycystic ovarian disease tend to be overweight and with a male pattern of facial and body hair. Most do not ovulate and their periods are usually very scant.

The hormones such as were prescribed for Miss Allwood would generally only be used in the treatment of polycystic ovarian disease after less powerful, and potentially less tricky, ones had already failed, and only, of course, if the patient wanted to conceive.

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

Steroids save baby from heart attack in the womb

By Shirley English

DOCTORS in Glasgow have become the first in Britain to use steroids to save a baby in the womb at risk of heart failure. Katie McGuire is one of only six babies worldwide known to have survived the fatal condition, which occurs when the mother's antibodies attack the foetus's heart.

Obstetricians at Glasgow Royal Maternity Hospital learnt of the treatment in a medical journal. They read that steroids had been used successfully in five cases in America to reduce the effects of antibodies on the baby.

The doctors were already experienced in using steroids to treat pregnant mothers with rheumatic-type ailments and decided they had no choice but to try the new method to save the baby's life.

At 23 weeks' gestation a scan had revealed that her heartbeat had dropped to only 35 to 40 beats a minute. The normal rate is 120 to 160 beats. Rosalin McGuire, her mother, has Sjogren's syndrome, a connective tissue disorder which affects the joints and skin. The condition causes the mother to develop antibodies which attack the baby in the womb, causing heart failure.

Dr Alan Mathers, a foetal medicine expert, said doctors were aware of Mrs McGuire's condition and had kept a close watch on the pregnancy. "When we scanned her we found the baby's heart rate was very slow and she was already in gross cardiac failure. Without this treatment the baby's outlook was dire. She would have died," he said.

Mrs McGuire, 30, a PE teacher from Muirend, Glasgow, received daily steroid injections for 70 days before giving birth. The treatment raised Katie's heart rate to 55 beats a minute and helped her to survive long enough to be delivered safely by Caesarean section three weeks premature. At about three months old the girl, Mrs McGuire's first child, was fitted with a pacemaker. She will need one for life.

Dr Mathers said: "The choice was treatment with the attendant risks and the possibility of a good outcome, against no treatment and the death of a baby."

He knew of only one other case during his eight years at Glasgow of a baby suffering cardiac arrest as serious as Katie's. It did not survive. "Knowing that we can now retrieve pregnancies which otherwise would have been doomed gives us some encouragement for the future," he said.

Doctors reject role in vetting gun owners

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

FAMILY doctors are to oppose a recommendation today by a Commons committee that they take a central role in the granting of firearms and shotgun certificates.

The MPs are proposing that GPs be involved in countersigning all applications for gun certificates. The British Medical Association dismissed the recommendation in the report by the Home Affairs Select Committee as impractical and said it would create a "false sense of reassurance".

"The BMA believes there is no reliable way of predicting violent behaviour," a spokeswoman said, making clear that if the Government adopted the idea, it would have to alter GPs' terms and conditions, including a clause for those who as a matter of conscience did not wish to be involved.

The investigation into the possession of handguns, begun after the Dunblane massacre, has divided the committee on party lines, with the Conservative majority voting against a ban on their private ownership. Labour MPs are likely to publish a minority report demanding a ban on the possession of handguns except, rarely, where a gun club could demonstrate that guns for use at the club could be centrally and securely kept without any danger, or where they were needed for occupational reasons.

The proposal that doctors countersign an application for a firearms certificate is likely to be the most concrete recommendation to emerge in the report published this morning. Other recommendations are likely to centre on tightening the application procedures, including the nomination of at least two referees and more checks at the homes of holders of certificates.

The report is likely to enrage campaigners for gun control by ruling out most of the proposals made after the Dunblane massacre, in which 16 children and their teacher were shot dead. It is likely to suggest that banning handguns would not prevent a mass killing or stop the unstable getting guns illegally. Among proposals likely to be rejected are that handguns be held centrally rather than in homes, that the gun and firing mechanism be stored separately, and that there should be curbs on the number of guns someone can possess.

Last night, Gill Marshall-Andrews, of Gun Control Network, said: "We are very disappointed about this report." It was "mere tinkering". She criticised the committee for not taking oral evidence from campaigners for gun control or from any group or person affected by the Hungerford and Dunblane massacres.

Chief Superintendent Brian Mackenzie, head of the Police Superintendents' Association, said: "We agree with the dissenting, minority view [on the committee] that there's no justification for people possessing handguns for private use outside properly approved and secure locations. It seems that the majority on the committee have not fully viewed the evidence and have simply accepted the view of the gun lobby."

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Ideal home that fell apart when the peasants moved in

By Bill Frost

A LOST villa on the fertile banks of the River Darent in Kent was one of the most significant archaeological discoveries this century, opening wide a window on life in affluent Roman Britain.

Sealed against the ravages of time by soil slippage, the Lullingstone site was to yield an astonishing harvest of treasures when excavated almost 50 years ago. The succession of wealthy farming families who lived here plainly spared no expense on life's little luxuries.

The villa, originally built in timber-and-daub in about AD 75, changed in appearance regularly until the last occupants abandoned it towards the end of Empire. Each gentleman farmer left a little of his times behind.

A more idyllic setting is hard to imagine: clear river water, rich pasturage, arable fields and gently rolling countryside. There were other Roman villas along the length of the Darent, but none to compare with Lullingstone.

A rather ugly cover building was erected over the site in the 1950s when its significance was fully appreciated. Once inside, though, the unprepossessing exterior is forgotten. Laid out before the visitor are a series of rectangular rooms, two magnificent mosaics, clearly discernible wall paintings and a Christian chapel.

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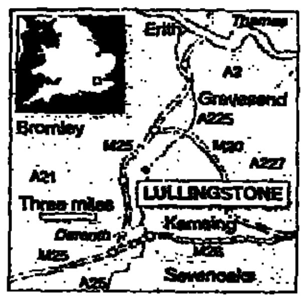

At the north end of the villa are extensive baths, added in about 180. The then owner's taste was extravagantly hedonistic, even by Roman standards. He had hot, tepid and cold rooms, a *laconicum* or sweating-room (forerunner to today's sauna) and a large cold plunge pool.

Bathing was an important daily ritual at Lullingstone. Slaves with clean towels and lotions pampered their master, his family and their guests while they chatted, laid wagers or simply dozed in the heat. Aptly enough, there was an aquatic decorative theme. The last owner commissioned a mural artist to paint various fish on the bath walls.

However, any question mark over taste in decoration is banished when the visitor views the beautiful mosaics in the *triclinium* — an audience chamber and dining room. They are quite stunning. The classical obsession with symmetry and order has been translated into timeless beauty. The mosaics depict the abduction of Europa by Jupiter, disguised as a white bull, and the mythological hero Bellerophon, mounted on Pegasus, killing the Chimaera, a fire-breathing monster.

Europa, in a transparent robe, appears curiously indifferent to imminent violation. She smiles vacantly as a pair of anxious cupids attempt to prevent the bull having his way. The second mosaic is even more impressive. Bellerophon gathers his reins and urges Pegasus on to trample the Chimaera — a nightmare creature with a lion's head and serpent's tail.

At the edge of the main panel are four dolphins and two open oyster shells.

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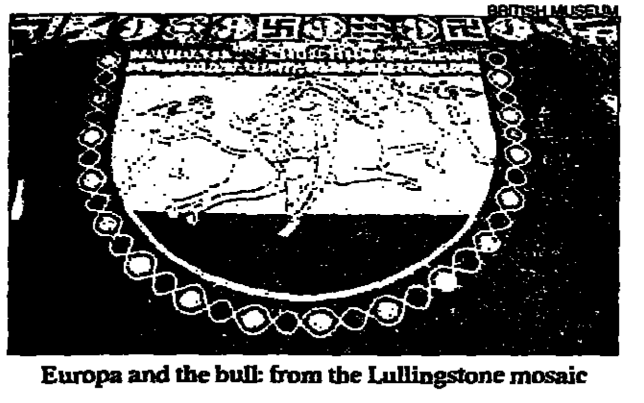

Europa and the bull: from the Lullingstone mosaic

Around the border beyond are figures representing three of the four seasons. Winter frowns from a hooded cloak, there is a swallow on spring's shoulder and autumn is crowned with ripe corn. Sadly, summer has gone — the tiles, or *tesserae*, lost after the villa was abandoned. The two mosaics are separated by a geometrically perfect panel featuring squares, octagons, hearts and swastikas.

Many other priceless treasures were unearthed at Lullingstone: more than 400 coins, Greek busts and a magnificent gem — the Cornelian Intaglio — carved with the image of Winged Victory. The Christian wall paintings — the sole surviving examples from a villa in Roman Britain — featured a sacred monogram of Christ and worshippers at prayer. Though primitive, the work has a tranquil beauty.

By the end of the 4th century, the villa was falling into disrepair and had been badly damaged by fire. When the last gentleman farmer and his family left, it was pillaged by peasants who had long envied their landlord's affluence. Only the mudslide brought an end to the vandalism, burying the villa and preserving one of Britain's finest Roman sites.

Latin ghosts haunt town preserved by centuries of neglect

By Bill Frost

WIND through the trees which surround the amphitheatre at Silchester whispers like an invisible crowd waiting for the spectacle of gladiatorial combat.

In the arena, enslaved Britons fought to the death with short sword and trident for the entertainment of the conquerors and their collaborators. Other highlights for the jaded mob included bear baiting, bull fights and regular public executions of those who resisted *Pax Romana*.

To this day, an atmosphere of menace lingers about the amphitheatre. Those who know Silchester well say that few visitors can remain long in the arena without the uncomfortable impression that they are being watched from the terraced seats.

A walk around the ramparts of Calleva Atrebatum, as the Romans named the settlement, can give the same unsettling sensation. The walls, in places still up to 15ft high, look out over fields and woods where, as the empire began to crumble slowly in the late 3rd century, brigands, raiders and partisans waited and watched. Calleva had been among Rome's highest priority objectives after the invasion. The settlement was important as an administrative centre, as a gateway to the south-west and as a well-established market.

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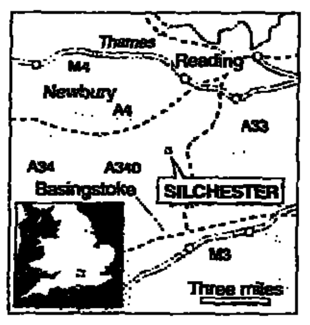

Such was the town's perceived importance in the years immediately after the invasion that the Emperor Nero became involved in Calleva's development. Tiles bearing his name were found there during Victorian and Edwardian excavations.

However, with the departure of the legions in the 5th century, the town was to die. The stout walls which survive to this day were considered inadequate protection against those waiting in the woods.

When the Romano-British merchants and farmers quit Calleva, they left behind a town laid out on a grid pattern still visible today in crop marks — the shallower rooted growth showing where buildings lie below. There is the clear silhouette of a forum, a basilica and covered market.

There is archaeological evidence too of a Christian church close to the forum. The tiny building, excavated in 1892 and 1961, may well have been devoted to pagan deities before Constantine the Great agreed that the new religion should be tolerated.

Inside the building a mosaic of black and white tiles was uncovered. The central design is of a crucifix.

Close by stood the public baths — probably built during Nero's reign. Water from a stream was warmed by hypocaust, the charcoal-fired central heating system without which life in the cold and damp province would have proved intolerable for the invaders.

Bathing was a time-consuming indulgence. Evidence of an exercise yard at Silchester shows that the Romans would first work up a sweat before the cold plunge and sauna-style session in the warm room.

Calleva's "death" with the departure of the legions has ironically guaranteed the town immortality. Because it was completely abandoned and never reinhabited, there was no new building and little plundering of the rampart stone. The location, at the heart of a maze of minor roads in a triangle formed by Newbury, Reading and Basingstoke, has also helped the settlement to maintain its tranquil and timeless quality. Although now laid to pasture, Calleva seems still occupied by the shadows of those who once settled here. It is almost as if one can hear voices and laughter echoing beside the North Gate.

The Roman wall — widely described as the best-preserved in Britain — can be walked in an hour or so. However, some caution is required on stretches where the path is slightly overgrown.

The visitor's exertions are, however, richly rewarded. There is little evidence of the late 20th century when one looks back into the settlement and then out over the woods and fields again: just the ever sharper conviction of watchers beyond the rampart.

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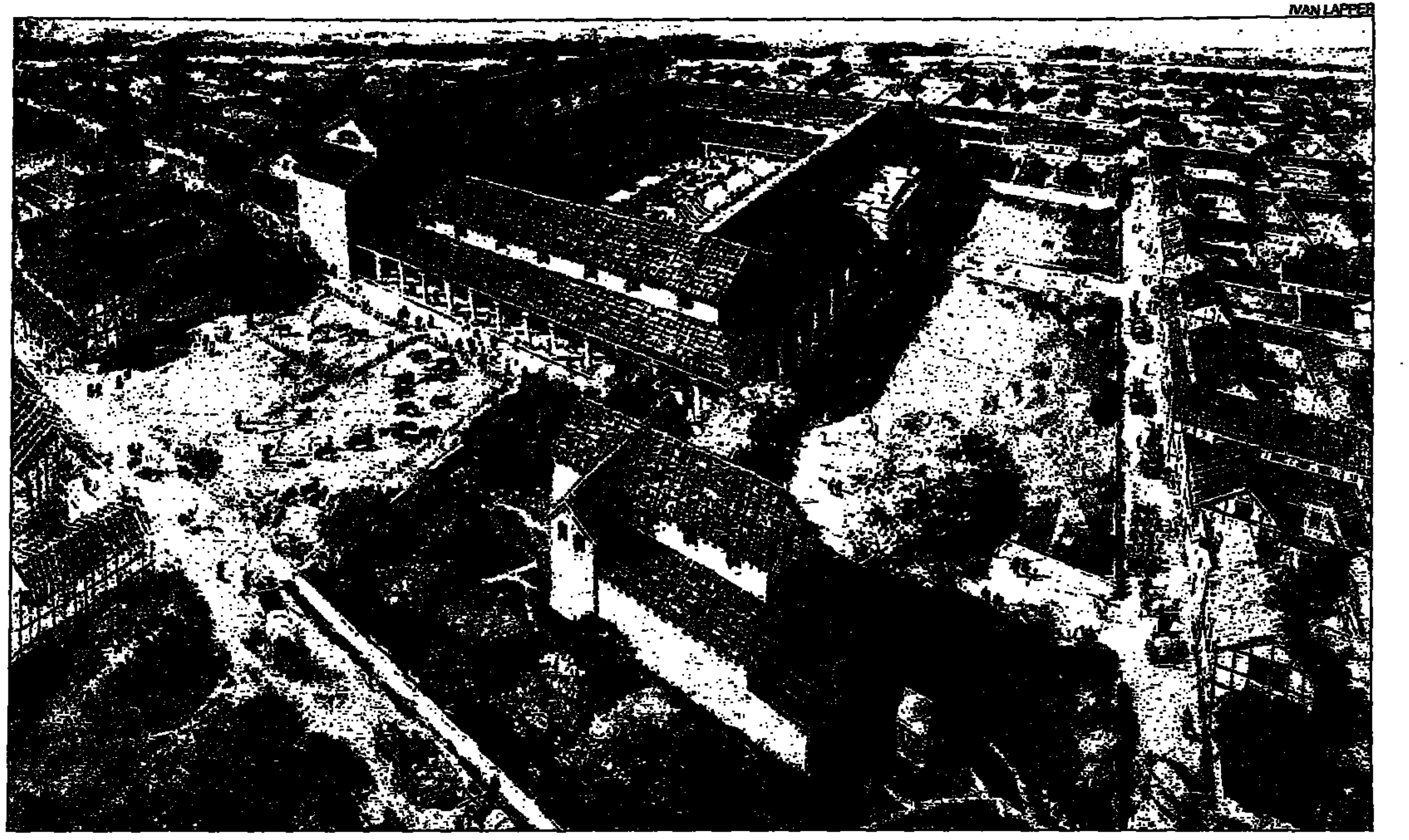

The walls of Silchester are remarkably well preserved because it was never reoccupied. The layout has been reconstructed from crop marks

Tomorrow: the Roman shore forts

Fourth largest city grew from border fort built to quell 'little Britons'

By Emma Wilkins

THE Welsh proved troublesome and ready for a fight in Roman times. When Caractacus, the British resistance leader, needed support in the AD 40s he turned to the fertile recruiting grounds of the Ordovices tribe in central Wales.

Despite contemptuously referring to the rebellious Welsh forces as "Brittunculi" (little Britons), the Romans took the threat of unrest seriously and began to build forts along the border, including a small encampment at Wroxeter.

After the defeat and capture of Caractacus in AD 51, the Welsh tribes continued the struggle and the Wroxeter camp, on the River Severn, was expanded to become home first to the XIV and later the XX Legion.

It was left to Agricola, Governor of Britain in the late AD 70s, to subdue the barbarians, wiping out the Ordovices and destroying the Druid sanctuary on Anglesey in his first campaign.

When Emperor Hadrian visited Britain in AD 122 he was determined to extend the Roman way of life to all parts of his conquered territory. A plan was developed to double the size of Wroxeter by encouraging new settlers.

The town was transformed into a sophisticated Roman city, with public baths, delicatessens and a forum for public meetings. The grand scale of what became the fourth largest city in Roman Britain can be seen today from a 40ft-high wall, known as *The Old Work*, between an exercise hall and bath chamber.

The hall, where bathers played games, chatted and limbered up, was 245ft long by 66ft wide. A building near by was probably a brothel. Houses of ill repute were generally not allowed to open before 3pm so that women bathers were not troubled.

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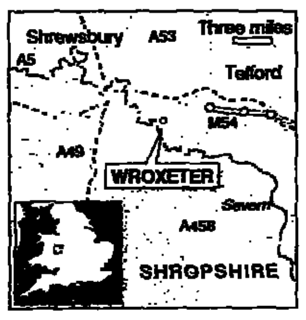

An aqueduct from the Severn to the city provided two million gallons of water a day. The system was organised so that, in times of drought, the supply was automically cut off from private subscribers.

Visitors to Wroxeter can trace the routes taken by 1st-century residents on their daily shopping trips by stepping along grassy paths between the foundations of the baths, shops and public lavatories. Much Roman stonework has been looted down the ages, and many older houses appear to be partly built from Roman masonry.

In the fields surrounding the site, archaeologists from Birmingham University have established that Wroxeter was much more built-up than the garden city previously imagined.

One of the most fabulous Roman treasures pulled from British soil was found at Wroxeter: a beautifully preserved silver hand mirror the size of a large dinner plate. Dated from around the late 1st century, it would have belonged to a wealthy woman who employed servants to hold it at a distance.

The mirror and other artefacts, including a leaky bucket, coins and bronze statuettes, are on display at Rowley's House Museum in Shrewsbury, five miles west of Wroxeter.

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Couple add hardy animals from Chile to Britain's growing menagerie of exotic livestock

Down on the alpaca farm, happiness is a gentle humming

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

ALPACAS, smaller cousins of the camel and the llama, have joined ostriches as the latest exotic livestock to tempt British farmers with the promise of future profits.

On the 150-acre Gay Street Farm, near Pulborough, in West Sussex, Kelvin Maude, an Australian alpaca expert, and his wife, Jill, are assembling one of the biggest herds of the beguiling creatures outside their South American homeland.

Some 300 alpacas, which resemble sheep with long necks and emit a gentle humming noise when happy, arrived on the farm from Chile last January after spending six months in quarantine in South America and another three in England. At the weekend, Mr Maude left for Chile to collect another 300 animals, which will be flying back with him to England later this week.

The Maudes, who are backed by a company in Australia, where alpaca farming is already well-established, hope their animals will be the breeding nucleus of a *British national herd* capable of supplying fibre to the knitwear and textile industries.

"They are easy animals to keep," said Mr Maude. "They are very hardy and can stay out of doors all year round in most conditions. They graze like sheep, need little extra feeding and come in a variety of natural colours. Their fibre is finer and softer than sheep's wool but has three times its tensile strength while being lighter and warmer."

The animals at Gay Street Farm range from white, through various shades of grey to creams and browns — about a dozen different colours *in all.*

Alpacas are not for the faint-hearted investor or those expecting a quick return. Because of their rarity value — only Peru, Chile and Bolivia have significant numbers and exports are limited — a pregnant female costs about £6,000.

Two months ago, after fraud investigations into several speculative ostrich farming schemes, the Maudes were contacted by the Securities and Investments Board and asked to explain newspaper advertisements describing alpacas as "financially rewarding".

"They thought we might be running some kind of collective investment scheme which would have made us subject to the Financial Services Act," Mr Maude said. "But I think we persuaded them that we are just livestock breeders and not investment managers."

The Maudes say that initially the main income for owners of alpacas will come from breeding and selling the stock. The females live for up to 20 years and can each produce as many as 15 young. "Because of their hardiness — they survive happily above 13,000 ft in the Chilean Andes — the animals could be ideal as a supplement to sheep farming in hill regions of Britain," Mr Maude said.

In the long-term, however, the success of alpaca farming in Britain will depend on whether there is a market for home-produced fibre. Although the animals are also reared for their meat in South America, there are no plans to do that here. The current world market price for raw fibre from the average alpaca is about £5 a kilogram, twice the equivalent price for sheep's wool. But superfine hair from young animals can fetch up to three times that amount or even more. Each animal produces about three to five kilograms of fleece a year.

Nigel Priestley, managing director of Joshua Ellis, a 220-year-old cloth manufacturing company in Dewsbury, west Yorkshire, thinks there could be a market for home-grown alpaca fibre if it is of high quality. "It is the combination of the fineness of the hair with the ability to provide sufficient volume of the colours most in demand that commands the highest prices," he said. "Fawns and reddy-browns are very popular at the moment."

The Maudes are hoping to set up an alpaca-rearing co-operative with other farmers. They think it will take about 10,000 alpacas to kick-start the industry.

ANDREW HASSON

Alpaca, cousins of the llama, come in a variety of natural colours and produce finer and softer wool than sheep

Kelvin and Jill Maude with woolly newcomers

Farmers say lifting of beef ban hindered by database delay

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

A COMPUTER database of Britain's 11 million cattle is unlikely to be completed before 1998 at the earliest, the National Farmers' Union said yesterday. The delay will hamper the tracing and culling of cattle at risk of developing "mad cow" disease, a condition for easing of the European Union's worldwide *ban on British beef exports.*

Bill Madders, a dairy farmer and chairman of the NFU's milk committee, said the Government's delay in setting up the database had made the task of restoring consumer confidence in beef more difficult.

"The cattle industry and the Commons Agriculture Select Committee called for the establishment of a database four years ago, but the Government turned it down on grounds of cost," Mr Madders said. *"We are paying the price now and* must not waste any more time."

A cattle industry working group, chaired by Mr Madders, issued a report yesterday on how it would like the database to operate. The Ministry of Agriculture is due to complete its feasibility study next month.

Under the working group's proposals, farmers would have to register all cattle births, deaths and movements on a central computer, *including details of each animal's* sex, breed and dam. Cattle markets and abattoirs would keep similar records. Cattle would be fitted with electronic ear tags with an identity number for cross-checking with the central computer. The NFU wants the Government to meet most of the estimated £30 million cost.

The absence of a computer database will make it harder to trace cattle born to cows that have died of BSE. This has become *urgent because of scientific evidence* that some cows can transmit the disease to their calves. Douglas Batchelor, of National Milk Records, who advised the working group, said: "Without an electronic database, tracing the progeny of BSE cows will involve ploughing through mountains of paperwork."

It is estimated that 20,000 to 30,000 cattle may have to be culled because of the risk of maternal transmission. More than 160,000 *cows have died of BSE in the past* ten years but many of their offspring will have been slaughtered already. Also, the evidence suggests that only the last calf born to a cow before it developed BSE is at risk of inheriting the disease.

The Ministry of Agriculture said: "We do not accept that we have been dragging our feet. Circumstances have changed in the past four years, making the need for a database more necessary." Ministry officials said that existing records should be sufficient to identify at-risk cattle.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fenners man loses appeal

Tony Pocock, 48, who claimed he lost his job as head groundsman at Cambridge University's Fenners cricket ground after criticism of wickets he prepared for first-class matches, lost his appeal for constructive dismissal. An industrial tribunal ruled that Mr Pocock had not proved the university was in breach of contract. Mr Pocock was only the fourth head groundsman since 1860 to tend the wicket at Fenners.

Glider stolen

Andrew Perkins, 17, lost his glider and trailer on his way to a national gliding championship after he and his father parked in a layby near High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. The £18,000 aircraft was stolen while they were visiting friends.

Comic beat wife

The comedian Roy "Chubby" Brown was fined £300 plus £250 compensation for punching his wife Sandra in the stomach, face and legs, in a row after a party. Newcastle magistrates were told that the couple, both 51, had since separated.

Bad Samaritan

A former deputy manager of a Samaritans' shop at Willesden, north London, was jailed for a year for stealing £1,855 in takings. Robert Vooght, 54, of Stanmore, who had previous convictions for dishonesty, gambled the money to try to pay debts.

Cotswold maze

A maze is to be built in the Cotswold village of Bourton-on-the-Water. The centrepiece will be a building containing puzzles designed by Kit Williams, an author who wrote a book that once launched a nationwide treasure hunt for a golden hare.

Ring rang bells

An AA man collected an abandoned car and found his wedding ring inside. The Astra had been stolen by a burglar who left behind the ring and countless fingerprints. Rory Roberts, 18, of Northampton, was sentenced to six months' detention.

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NEW LIFE, NEW QUESTIONS

The responsibility of doctors, patients and press

As medical technology increases human opportunities, so does it challenge human ethics. From transplant surgery to fertility drugs, the capacity of science to prolong, enhance and create human life has strained the ability of traditional morality to provide authoritative guides to behaviour. The problem did not begin with fertility treatment. Nor is the case of Mandy Allwood the most complicated of fertility cases. Nonetheless the news of a fertile woman determined to take fertility drugs, defy medical advice and bear eight babies has raised the greatest public consciousness.

Hard cases do not make good rules. Fertility treatment has brought joy to couples who thought that one of family life's greatest benefits might be denied them. What was a gift from God, like grace, has been brought by human ingenuity within the reach of those denied it. That quiet extension of happiness to unnumbered families should not be obscured.

Hard cases are often, however, the ones which frame debate. Miss Allwood's experience prompts serious questions about the availability of fertility treatment. When she was prescribed the fertility drugs Metrodin and Pregnyl, her fertility can have been in little doubt. She had already succesfully conceived three times. Miss Allwood had only one child, having miscarried one and aborted another. It is possible that she thought a second child might enrich family life. Anxiety to secure a sibling for her son would be undertandable. Anxiety about the affections of an unreliable boyfriend would not, however, constitute a good reason for fertility treatment. Reluctance to fetter an individual's freedom to conceive is one thing. Helping her to do so when her motives could be questioned and the consequences dangerous is quite another.

The wisdom of the doctor who prescribed Miss Allwood's treatment is in serious doubt. There is a case for reviewing the ethical constraints which are available to guide general practitioners in these cases. Invasive treatments such as in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) are carefully circumscribed in law. Prospective parents have to undergo counselling; there is a limit on the number of implanted embryos. The British Medical Association also lays down a code of conduct for IVF treatment. Specialists working within fertility clinics will in most cases take heed of guidance framed by their professional college.

However, there are no legal guidelines or codified professional advice which specifically govern the prescription of fertility drugs by general practitioners. It is normally preferable in complicated cases to trust to the discretion of individual doctors. But Miss Allwood's case suggests that is not always enough. GPs might benefit from the establishment of a benchmark of best ethical practice in this area.

If doctors might be guided to wisdom, could parents? Miss Allwood, her boyfriend, Paul Hudson, and his other lover, Maria Edwards, already have four children between them — the products of three separate relationships. Miss Allwood has already endured one failed marriage. Ms Edwards gave birth to her three children outside marriage. Mr Hudson, who draws state benefits, shows no signs of marrying either. It would be wrong if the State legislated to limit the right to reproduce. But society is placed under strain by the carelessness with which so many conceive.

The prospect of the births being encouraged by a sliding scale of newspaper payments has produced widespread dissent. Money was not, however, at the root of this issue: it exacerbated an existing set of conditions and brought it to wider notice. The more that parents are insulated from the consequences of their actions, whether by the State or the fourth estate, the harder it will be to instil restraint. New life is a gift, its creation a joy and its spread to those once denied, a blessing. The knowledge of new life's preciousness has spurred scientists to make it available to all. That knowledge should also guide society in ensuring the care that creation deserves.

TERRORISTS AND TURKS

Dangerous pipeline: handle with care

Necmettin Erbakan, the Turkish Prime Minister, yesterday signed a $23 billion dollar gas supply deal with Iran, committing Turkey to a 20-year contract and the construction of a 1,000-mile pipeline between the two countries. The deal, which both sides hailed as the foundation of a rapid and general improvement of relations between two neighbours ruled by Islamist Governments, is bound to be viewed with alarm in the West. It binds a pivotal member of Nato to a country identified in Western capitals as a leading supporter of global terrorism, a committed exporter of revolution and a virulent opponent of Western interests around the globe. The reaction in Washington is likely to be explosive.

The gas deal comes only after a week after America's controversial attempt to put pressure on Iran by imposing sanctions on any company investing more than $40 million in Iran's energy sector. At a stroke it would seem to nullify the entire thrust of the D'Amato Act. It is more than a symbolic breach in the attempt to isolate Tehran: to the embattled Clinton Administration it looks like a provocative confirmation of the misgivings among America's allies over legislation that they say is unenforceable.

The deal, however, should come as no surprise to Turkey's allies. Mr Erbakan has made no secret of his wish to improve relations with his Muslim neighbours. Indeed, one reason for the concern over the prospect of an Islamic Government in Ankara was the conviction that Turkey, the vital Cold War protector of Nato's southern flank, would turn back to its historic Ottoman hinterland at the expense of its Western orientation. In fact, Mr Erbakan has shown himself a shrewd pragmatist so far. He has not, despite earlier strident opposition to Nato, weakened his links with his military allies. He has renewed the use of Turkish bases for Operation Provide Comfort patrolling the skies over northern Iraq. And he has refused to bow to demands to scrap Turkey's recent military training agreement with Israel.

Seen from Ankara, an improvement with its neighbours makes sense. The sanctions against Iraq have cost Turkey dear, and the promised Western compensation has not materialised. There are huge export markets on Turkey's southern flank, as well as in the newly opened heartland of Russia. These countries are eager to welcome Turkish goods — in contrast to the European Union, whose grudging acceptance and delayed customs union are hostage to Greek suspicions. Turkey may argue that as long as it was seen in competition with Iran for influence in Central Asia — a competition encouraged by the West — it was unable to make the most of these countries' new independence and new markets.

It is dangerous for Turkey's Western allies to dictate who its friends should be or interfere in its rediscovery of its Islamic heritage. Those are decisions for the ballot box. America should tread carefully in its response to the pipeline deal: a quarrel with an ally of such geopolitical importance would weaken Nato's cohesion. But the West can warn Mr Erbakan that any dramatic rapprochement with Iran, or even with Iraq as now proposed by those calling for a regional summit, would frighten away potential Western investors. That could cost Turkey many millions in lost income — far more, possibly, than the money earned from the new gas pipeline.

SONGS WITH PASTS

Aux armes, defenders of "God Save The Queen"

Applying strict tests of relevance and usefulness to national anthems is a preposterous pastime. Paul Richards, author of a Fabian Society tract on modernising the monarchy published yesterday, has been reasoning thus and landed himself in a muddle over *God Save The Queen*. He complains that our national anthem is too "dirge-like" to compare to the *Marseillaise*, too anti-Jacobite, too Protestant and not English enough — since in his new model federal Britain an English anthem should coexist with a truly British one for the whole of the United Kingdom. Mr Richards is deaf to the music of history and blind to the pitfalls of writing anthems which descend too far from the general to the particular.

Britain and France both sing songs which began life in military emergencies. Our national anthem was sung in Drury Lane as George II's troops went north in 1745 to stop Bonnie Prince Charlie. The *Marseillaise* was composed one night in 1792 by a captain of engineers responding to a call by the Mayor of Strasbourg for a song to inspire the soldiers about to march towar with Austria. The anthem's first, prosaic and very local name was the *War Song of the Army of the Rhine*: it only acquired its present name when adopted with special enthusiasm by battalions from Marseilles.

Neither anthem now refers once to any country by name, an omission which can only have helped the songs' chances of survival. A fifth verse of *God Save the Queen* referring to crushing the "rebellious Scots" was tactfully dropped as England worked to unite its disparate kingdom. The excision worked: Scottish National Party politicians now complain about English football fans "hijacking" *God Save The Queen* and ask them to sing *Land of Hope and Glory* instead. *The Star Spangled Banner* makes no mention of the United States. The German anthem closes with the ringing exhortation "Bloom, my German fatherland!" but no longer includes the verse beginning "*Deutschland über Alles*".

Yet anthems with no roots at all and no references to any common memory do not catch on either. In spite of the BBC's use of Beethoven's *Ode to Joy* as the theme music for Euro 96 this summer, the EU's official anthem has never caught on. The English composer Howard Blake was last year asked to set the United Nations Charter to music but his effort sank under the weight of the abstract prose. To lift hearts and to last, an anthem must evoke history, community and land without being too exact about any of them. Once an anthem has found this elusive mixture leave it alone.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Curbing strikes in public services

From Lord Campbell of Alloway, QC

Sir, Mr Knapp's letter today merely confirms the need for legislation to avoid hostage-taking of the public by trade unions whose members are engaged in the provision of essential services.

It may well be no easier to define what is an essential public service than to define an elephant. But we can all recognise that the London Underground and the Royal Mail are essential public services; services in which a system of compulsory arbitration should be introduced, so that if no resort be had to arbitration, or if the award is not implemented, the shield of immunity should be withdrawn to expose union funds to sequestration in High Court proceedings.

On the affirmative resolution of both Houses, the Secretary of State could, if the circumstances so require, designate any service as an essential service in the event of exceptional hardship to the public.

Who shall now grasp this nettle?

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
CAMPBELL of ALLOWAY,
2 Kings Bench Walk,
Temple, EC4.
August 12.

Postal dispute

From Mr Geoffrey H. Lloyd

Sir, Mr Robin Rhoderick-Jones (letter, August 12) rightly considers himself fortunate to be living miles from anywhere and yet receiving his post at 6.30am.

I live a mere seven miles from the centre of Cambridge and am lucky if I receive first post by 10.30am. Often, we receive a single delivery at 3pm. Deliveries on Saturdays are sometimes cancelled without warning.

This is not acceptable to people working from home, of whom there are two in this household. And this is a growing trend; hardly the time, then, to heed Mr Rhoderick-Jones's call for an even worse service. Faxes, e-mail and the telephone all have their place but, for example, bulky, multi-page legal documents cannot be dealt with that way.

I am unconvinced that the blame in the current postal dispute lies entirely with the Union of Communication Workers (UCW). My repeated efforts to seek an improvement in delivery arrangements, with the support of my MP, have so far been unable to penetrate the indifference of Royal Mail. If the management treat the UCW with the same contempt they treat their customers in this area I am not surprised the union does not appear to be in a mood to compromise.

The adjacent letter on the Tube strike, from the General Secretary of the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers, also caused me to reflect whether management's role in that dispute is as blameless as they — and the Government — claim.

Yours sincerely,
GEOFFREY H. LLOYD
(Management consultant),
Longacre, 73 High Street,
Little Wilbraham, Cambridge.

Britain and EMU

From Mr Peter Hickman

Sir, I think Lord Carr, in his letter of August 7 deploring government hesitations over joining a common currency, is commenting on the cogs without appreciating the momentum of the wheel.

Just one extravagant budget by one small nation within EMU will be able to be ignored; but when two or three see the one and then run unsatisfactory deficits, then Germany or Brussels will step in and take all members' budgetary independence away from them in order to prevent the problems that one recalcitrant will have caused to the whole system.

A European currency will be the end of independence for any medium-sized European nation. There is no getting away from this fact.

Yours faithfully,
PETER HICKMAN,
14 Campden Hill Square, W8.

Facts and fancies

From Professor Emeritus P. B. Fellgett, FRS

Sir, The untimely death of Mr Geoff Hamilton (obituary, August 6) is a great loss not only to gardening programmes but to broadcasting as a whole.

Your obituary describes how he resisted producers who considered the actual gardening content the least interesting part of his broadcasts, and certainly we have seen enough slick, gimmicky, jokey or otherwise irritating and uninformative gardening series to know how valuable his resistance was.

It is a serious matter that this problem extends to many other kinds of factual broadcasts. Science programmes in particular are larded with diversions and irrelevancies which, so far from advancing the argument, merely distract attention from it.

Yours faithfully,
PETER FELLGETT,
Little Brighter,
St Kew Highway, Bodmin, Cornwall.
August 10.

Business letters, page 29

Merit of modular A levels examined

From the Secretary of the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference

Sir, Your Education Correspondent's prediction of record A-level pass rates (report, August 5) should not be taken to imply that standards have fallen. Much confusion could be avoided if an acceptable definition of "standards" was forthcoming.

Presumably we are considering the grade that is given for work of particular quality: the higher the quality, the higher the grade. Assessment of quality should be as objective as possible and should be consistent over time.

Critics of current examining argue that while the quality of A-level work has not improved (some would say has declined) grades attaching to that work have been steadily inflated. It will be interesting to see if the Department for Education and Employment inquiry supports this view. Early evidence from a similar HMC inquiry shows some support for the opposite view: that in some elements of A-level work quality is rising.

One such area is in modular courses. Whereas able candidates will do well whatever the system of examining, lower-ability candidates have benefited significantly from the introduction of modular schemes.

With more immediate goals their motivation is increased, they work harder and the quality of their work improves. By dividing a course with units and allowing exams to be retaken the number of students able to cope with A level has been increased. We should applaud such progress rather than seek to restrict it.

There are important practical reasons why the number of examining sessions should be limited to two per year (January and June) and why there should be only one retake within a year; but we must not otherwise discourage students who find that the modular approach helps them to produce work of higher quality. Sir Ron Dearing and Mrs Shephard will surely head the celebrations if record results are announced next week.

Yours faithfully,
VIVIAN ANTHONY, Secretary,
The Headmasters' and
Headmistresses' Conference,
130 Regent Road, Leicester.
August 9.

From the Headmaster of Kesteven & Sleaford High School

Sir, I regard Mrs Shephard's proposed curb on the number of times a student can retake units of modular A levels as wholly realistic. Any time taken in preparing for a retake in the hope of an improved grade for a module can only be at the expense of preparation for later modules, which will inevitably suffer in comparison.

The average improvement of one grade by students on modular as against traditional linear courses is only partly explained by the motivation throughout two years rather than final cramming to which your report refers.

Another explanation is the disappearance before the award of final grades of a number of students who have optimistically embarked on unsuitable courses, received hard evidence of that fact in early modules, and then changed direction rather than soldiering on to the end of a linear syllabus and an unhappy conclusion.

Yours faithfully,
N. W. McFARLANE,
Headmaster,
Kesteven & Sleaford High School,
Jermyn Street, Sleaford, Lincolnshire.
August 5.

From Mr G. B. Attwood

Sir, Your Education Correspondent points out that only 4 per cent of modular candidates fail but offers no explanation as to why this figure is so much lower than that of candidates following a traditional course.

A major cause of this discrepancy is that candidates who have not accumulated enough points to pass the A level simply do not bother to "cash in" and therefore do not appear in the final statistics.

Consider 100 candidates following a traditional course with an average mark of 50 per cent (a grade D). About 20 of these candidates would fail and on a modular course they would not appear in the final statistics. If we assume these 20 candidates (who all scored under 40 per cent) averaged 20 per cent each, then the remaining 80 candidates would have a mean of 57.5 per cent (close to a C grade).

At a modular level in mathematics it is quite normal for 20 to 30 per cent of candidates to fail but this is not reflected in the final statistics.

Yours faithfully,
G. B. ATTWOOD
(Chief examiner of modular
mathematics at A level),
The Cross, Repton, Derby.
August 5.

From Miss Hannah J. Fairweather

Sir, Your Education Correspondent does thousands of us, who have worked hard for our A levels, a severe disservice.

While referring to the higher grades achieved by students taking modular examinations he omits to mention the fact that the majority of subjects remain as they have always been — two years' hard work tested in six hours of examinations.

Perhaps your correspondent would like to attempt some of our three-hour papers.

Yours sincerely,
HANNAH J. FAIRWEATHER,
7 Broad Oaks Road,
Solihull, West Midlands.
August 5.

Building land re-use

From Mr Nigel Moor

Sir, Ian Murray's Viewpoint ("Where will we build 27 Milton Keynes?", Public Management, August 1) shows a too ready acceptance of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's suggestion that the high cost of reclaiming "brownfield" sites is proving such a deterrent that developers will provide at most only about 40 per cent of the land needed.

This contrasts with the 1995 Housing White Paper's 50 per cent target for reused sites, which appears to have been achieved.

I searched the report, *The People — Where Will They Go?*, in vain to see whether there was strong empirical evidence to support the assertions. The anecdotal evidence, based on the perceptions of participants in regional seminars, hardly amounts to rigorous research on which to assess government policy for sustainable development.

My company, working for a wide range of government departments, local authorities, utilities, landowners and developers, has found that opportunities for reusing brownfield sites continually occur. Much land has been released after industrial restructuring in the 1980s and in the wake of the "peace dividend" that freed military establishments and airfields. Changes in health services and privatisation of utilities have also helped.

It would be folly if the target of 50 per cent for housing development on reused sites, which has only just been reached, were given less weight in the future.

Yours sincerely,
NIGEL MOOR (Managing Director),
RPS Nigel Moor,
Centurion Court, 85 Milton Park,
Abingdon, Oxfordshire.
August 5.

Butterworth memorial

From Mr Robert Gower

Sir, It was good to see Anthony Murphy's tribute (Arts, August 5) to George Butterworth, the 31-year-old musical genius killed in the trenches in 1916, for whom there is no known grave.

Butterworth taught music at Radley from 1909 to 1910. In 1985, the centenary of his birth, money was raised through public subscription and through the generosity of the Vaughan Williams and Finzi trusts to commission and install in the music school here an engraved glass memorial by Laurence Whistler. It movingly promotes Butterworth's name and art here in his native country.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT GOWER,
Radley College,
Abingdon, Oxfordshire.
August 8.

Spot on!

From Mr David Pickering

Sir, A suitable tribute to Britten — statue or bird table (letters, July 26; August 2, 9)? Judging from the state of many statues, either would be equally appreciated by the birds.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID PICKERING,
16 Radcliffe Square,
Putney Hill, SW15.
August 9.

'Virtuous cycle'

From Mr Christopher Dent

Sir, Your editorial, "Virtuous cycle" (August 9), quite rightly suggests that cyclists should lobby for better provision for their chosen means of transport.

I would, however, suggest that caution should be exercised in asking for "separate provision". Much money has been wasted on expensive and ill-designed cycle tracks which do not fulfil cyclists' needs, because they give the best routes to motorists and relegate cyclists to inferior routes which are sometimes not where they wish to be.

Yours faithfully,
CHRIS DENT
(Architect and town planner),
140 Ardington Road, Northampton.
August 11.

From Mrs Margaret Bearman

Sir, Now that there is a campaign to reclaim the streets for cyclists may we hope for another to reclaim pavements and footpaths from cyclists?

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET BEARMAN,
20 Oaks Drive, Colchester, Essex.
August 9.

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'Dog-in-manger' attitude to call-box

From Lord St John of Fawsley, Chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission

Sir, I was dismayed to read the report (Business, August 9) about BT's dog-in-the-manger attitude to Sir Giles Gilbert Scott's telephone kiosk. By resorting to litigation, in an attempt to prevent New World Payphones and other payphone operators from using the traditional K6 box, BT is demonstrating once again its disturbing lack of concern for the quality of the public realm.

It is odd that BT should be so proprietorial about the K6. After all, it has treated it with consistent contempt, first by removing Scott's glazing bars and then, most damagingly, by replacing all but a handful of K6s with tawdry, ill-designed kiosks.

Given that record, and given the fact that the K6 was designed (with considerable help from the Royal Fine Art Commission) for use by a public utility, it is doubtful that BT has any moral claim to the K6 whatsoever. And since New World would, I understand, distinguish any K6s they used by painting them green, it is highly unlikely that there would be any confusion in practice with the red K6s operated by BT.

Whatever the rights and wrongs of this controversy, it should not be allowed to disguise the wider failure of any payphone operator to come up with a modern kiosk of sufficient quality to stand alongside the K6. We urgently need BT (and perhaps its competitors as well) to hold a design competition for a new kiosk. Much as the RFAC welcomes the retention and reinstatement of as many K6s as possible, that is no substitute in the long term for finding a really good contemporary design.

Yours sincerely,
St JOHN of FAWSLEY,
Chairman,
The Royal Fine Art Commission,
7 St James's Square, SW1.
August 9.

Yours, puzzled

From Mrs Jenny Baker

Sir, To attempt a crossword in someone else's newspaper is indeed a heinous crime, particularly if one is a guest (letters, August 8, 9).

On a business flight last year, I was crammed into the window seat and trying to fold my *Times* into a handy size so that I could do the crossword. The associate accompanying me, and whom at that time I employed, leaned forward and obligingly gave me his solution to 3 across.

We have not flown together since — I no longer require his services.

Yours faithfully,
J. M. BAKER
(Chief Executive),
The Hallingbury Centre,
The Hall, Great Hallingbury,
Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire.
August 9.

From Mr Hugh Leonard

Sir, My wife is a crossword fiend and utterly without scruples. In the interests of self-preservation, I cut the daily puzzle out of *The Times*, make a copy of it and leave it beside her coffee cup.

I recommend that Paul Downes (August 8) does the same under the guise of extending a courtesy towards his house guests. Or, of course, he could always leave the paper open at this page and draw a heavy circle around his own letter.

Yours, unpuzzled,
HUGH LEONARD,
6 Rossaun,
Pilot View, Dalkey, Co Dublin.

From Mr David Lye

Sir, Mr Paul Downes should provide his guests with tracing paper.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID LYE,
Flat A, 118 Bridgeman Road, N1.
August 8.

From Mr Stuart Dunlop

Sir, A good friend of mine does the crossword without recourse to pen or pencil when he comes to stay. At least, that's what he says . . .

Yours etc,
STUART DUNLOP,
Arden House, Shoppenhangers Road,
Maidenhead, Berkshire.
August 9.

From Professor Emeritus Herbert H. Huxley

Sir, Mr Downes poses a problem: Wordsworth supplies the answer:

Give all thou canst: high Heaven rejects the lore
Of nicely-calculated less or more

The perfect host ensures that every guest has a copy of *The Times*.

Yours appreciatively,
H. H. HUXLEY,
12 Derwent Close, Cambridge.
August 8.

From Miss Joanna Richardson

Sir, Perhaps Mr Downes can take comfort from my own experience. I once returned to a hotel bedroom to find my crossword puzzle completed and a note from the chambermaid: "Sorry, I couldn't resist!"

Yours faithfully,
JOANNA RICHARDSON,
55 Flask Walk, Hampstead, NW3.
August 9.

SOCIAL NEWS

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will pay a state visit to Thailand from October 28 to November 1.

University news

Oxford

The Patrick Mallam Memorial Prize in Clinical Medicine for 1996 has been awarded to Jonathan Eben Folb, New College.

Turbutt Prizes
1995-96

First year: Miss Catherine De Rouffignac, Keble; Miss Joanna Hillard, Jesus; Miss Catherine Jewell, St Catherine's; Miss Reena Malde, Somerville; Miss Michelle Pratt, St Edmund Hall.

Second year: Mr Benjamin Greedy, St Catherine's; Miss Zoe Hughes-Thomas, University; Miss Rebecca Nicholson, Jesus; Miss Caroline Ringrose, Lady Margaret Hall; Mr Christopher Seward, Jesus; Mr Jonathan Wright, New College.

Birthdays today

Miss Sheila Armstrong, soprano, 54; Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Beavis, 67; Marquess Camden, 66; President Fidel Castro of Cuba, 69; Father Leo Chamberlain, OSB, Headmaster, Ampleforth College, 56; Mr Domenico Dolce, fashion designer, 38; Mr Roy Evans, trade unionist, 65; Miss Marie Helvin, model, 44; Mr Ben Hogan, golfer, 84; Mr Tony Jarrett, athlete, 28; Sir Thomas Legg, QC, Permanent Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department, 61; Mr C.A. Lyons, trade unionist, 67; Sir John Milne, former chairman, Blue Circle Industries, 72; Lord Oram, 83; Mr Mark Pyper, Headmaster, Gordonstoun School, 49; Lord Sainsbury, 94; Dr Frederick Sanger, OM, CH, biochemist, 78; Mr Alan Shearer, footballer, 26; Mr George Shearing, pianist, 76; Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Smallwood, 78; Mr Timothy Wood, MP, 56.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Gillray, caricaturist, London, 1756; Queen Adelaide, Consort of King William IV, Meiningen, 1792; Sir George Grove, engineer and editor of the music dictionary bearing *his* name, London, 1820; Annie Oakley, rifle markswoman, Ohio, 1860; John Nicholson Ireland, composer, Bowdon, Cheshire, 1879; John Logie Baird, pioneer of television, Helensburgh, Strathclyde, 1888; C.R.W. Nevinson, painter, Hampstead, 1889; Sir Alfred Hitchcock, film director-producer, Leytonstone, London, 1899; Sir Basil Spence, architect, Bombay, 1907; Archbishop Makarios *III, Primate of the Orthodox* Church of Cyprus and President of the Republic of Cyprus, Paphos, 1913.

DEATHS: Jeremy Taylor, divine, Lisburn, Co Antrim, 1667; René Laennec, physician, Kerlouanec, France, *1826; Eugène Delacroix, painter*, Paris, 1863; Sir John Millais, Bt, President of the Royal Academy 1896, London, 1896; Ira David Sankey, evangelist, 1908; Florence Nightingale, *hospital* reformer, London, 1910; Jules Massenet, composer, Paris, 1912; H.G. Wells, writer, London, 1946.

The Cape of Good Hope was ceded to Britain by the Dutch, 1814.

Wagner's *Der Ring des Nibelungen* was first performed in its entirety, Bayreuth, 1876.

Victory of the Duke of Marlborough at Blenheim, 1704.

Construction of the Berlin *Wall was started, at first with* barbed wire, 1961.

The last executions in Britain took place when two men were *hanged for murder at Walton* prison, Liverpool, and Strangeways, Manchester, 1964.

Church in Wales

Diocese of Llandaff

The Rev Michael Gill, Vicar in the Rectorial Benefice of Ebbw Vale (Monmouth diocese) to be Vicar of Tonypandy with Clydach Vale.

The Rev Nicholas James Keble *Court, Priest Vicar of* Llandaff Cathedral, to be Vicar of Graig St John and Priest in Charge of Cilfynydd.

The Rev Barbara John, Curate of Radyr, *also* to be Bishop's Adviser on Women's Ministry in the Diocese.

Lay appointment

Mr John Griffith Williams, QC, to be Deputy Chancellor of the Diocese of Llandaff.

Retirement

The Rev Precentor Frederick Glynne Turner, Vicar of Whitchurch and Precentor of Llandaff Cathedral, will retire on November 2.

Diocese of Bangor

The Rev Andrew Jones, Cleric-in-Charge of the Parishes of Llanbedrog, Llannor, Bodfuan and Llanfihangel Bachellaeth, to be Incumbent of those Parishes.

The Rev Edgar Jones to be Cleric-in-Charge of Llangefni (with Tregaean and Llangristiolus with Cerrigceinwen).

The Rev Meurig Llwyd Williams, Cleric-in-Charge of Denio (Pwllheli) with Abererch to be Incumbent of those Parishes.

The Rev Robert Townsend, a Minor Canon in the Rectorial Benefice of Bangor, to be Incumbent of the Parish of Amlwch.

SIMON WALKER

Wearing hard hats and masks and lit to look suitably theatrical, workers start the job of demolition

Sadler's Wells makes way for its new building

THE Sadler's Wells Theatre is surrounded by hoardings and demolition work has started on the building in Clerkenwell, London, where 60 years ago Ninette de Valois established the Sadler's *Wells ballet* and Alicia Markova, Margot Fonteyn, Robert Helpmann and Michael Somes starred. Soon *there will be nothing left. In* January last year staff and supporters successfully applied to the Arts Council for money to rebuild Sadler's Wells and the new theatre, the fifth on the site, will be the first to be rebuilt with National Lottery cash. During the two-year development Sadler's Wells will operate from the Peacock Theatre in *Portugal Street, off Kingsway.*

How the new theatre will look when completed. *It will be the fifth to stand on the site*

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy and Royal Marines

CAPTAIN: B M Leavey - Sultan 18.10.96; R A I McLean - MOD London in rank of Cdre 13.1.97; P J Pacey - Madrid 6.12.96; M S Williams - Fearless in Cmd 10.12.96.

COLONEL: A M Mason - HQRM 12.11.96.

COMMANDER: I F Corder - Splendid in Cmd 14.1.97; R J Crick - Staff of 2SL/CNH 1.10.96; J T Holloway - Staff of CINCFLEET 20.12.96; P J Horsted - DGSS Bristol 17.9.96; L M Jeram-Croft - MOD Bath 12.11.96; P A Jones - MOD London 7.3.97; J H A Lea - Devonport 25.10.96; G E MacDonald - Staff of 2SL/CNH 5.12.96; P G Melville-Brown - Staff of 2SL/CNH 4.10.96; D G Molyneaux - Illustrious 4.10.96; P T Phillips - Staff of FOSF 1.11.96; J D Plummer - Shefford 17.9.96; S J Timms - SHAPE Belgium 13.12.96; L Van Beek - DGSS Bristol 5.11.96; M W Worrall - Nelson 20.12.96; R J S Wykes-Sneyd - Staff of FONA 21.2.97.

Retirements

COMMANDER: T G L Burne - 5.10.96; D L Howells - 26.10.96; I Inskip 2.11.96.

The Army

MAJOR-GENERAL: M D Jackson to be DG AITO 5.8.96.

COLONEL R J York to DG Log Sp (A) 9.8.96.

Retirement

BRIGADIER: R C Wolverson ADC late IG 6.8.96.

Royal Air Force

GROUP CAPTAINS: M R Bettell - HQ 11/18 Gp 5.8.96; P A Robinson - RAF Cranwell 9.8.96; D M Moss - HQ PTC 12.8.96.

WING COMMANDER: A J Pennington - JSPI Wyton 29.7.96; A D Pulford - 18 SQN Laarbruch 29.7.96; D J Foster - RAF Staff College Bracknell 2.8.96; T L Boyle - HQ 1Gp High Wycombe 5.8.96; W J Gimblett - HQ STC 5.8.96; I F Harper - DERA Farnborough 5.8.96; W Hush - RAF Henlow 5.8.96; D C Williams - RCAF 5.8.96; B N Bolton - MOD London, 5.8.96; C F Caunt - DCTA Bicester 5.8.96; M N Primett - MOD 5.8.96; S P Atherton - 16 MU Stafford 12.8.96; L Chew - MDHU Peterborough 12.8.96; M M Ward - HQ LC London 12.8.96.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr A.W. Duff
and Miss E.M. Holbrook**

The engagement is announced between Andrew, only son of the late Dr John Watson Duff and of Mrs Duff, of Harmer Hill, Shrewsbury, and Elizabeth, only daughter of the late Mr John P. Holbrook and of Mrs Lorna Holbrook, of Hailey, Oxfordshire.

**Mr A.T. Sinker
and Miss E.A. Spillett**

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs David Sinker, of Benington, Hertfordshire, and Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Robert Spillett, of Woodbridge, Suffolk.

**Mr D. Rigler
and Miss K. Edwards**

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs G. Rigler, of Harrogate, and Katie, daughter of His Honour Judge Elgan Edwards, of Chester, and Mrs Jane Edwards, of Worsley, Manchester.

**Mr P. Witten
and Miss C. Purdon**

The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs Rudi Witten, of London, N3, and Chantal, daughter of the late Mr Peter Purdon, and of Mrs Nicole Eyles, of Grimaud, France.

**Mr P.J. Woodfield
and Miss N.K. Sant**

The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs John Woodfield, of Newport, Gwent, and Nichola, daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Sant, of Holmes Chapel, Cheshire.

Marriage

**Mr N.A. Norman
and Miss O.J. Cadell**

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 3, at The Sacred Heart Church, Sunningdale, of Mr Neil Norman, elder son of Mr and Mrs Roy Norman, to Miss Olivia Cadell, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Cadell. Father Iain Mathew officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Lucy Cadell and by Algernon and Octavia Rothwell. Mr Max Rothwell was best man.

Church of England

Appointments

*The Rev Nelson Kagwa, Pro*grammes Co-ordinator of the Black Community Forum (UK), Sheffield: to be Vicar, St Paul, Wordsworth Avenue, Sheffield (Sheffield).

The Rev Clare King, Chaplain of Croydon College (Southwark): to be Chaplain (half-time), Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield (Sheffield).

The Rev Peter Knapper, Priest-in-charge, Blackheath, The Ascension (Southwark): to be Priest-in-charge, St Mary Magdalene, Holmwood (Guildford).

The Rev Robin Lapwood, Team Vicar, St Andrew's, Hatters Lane, High Wycombe: to be Priest-in-charge, Marcham w Garford (Oxford).

The Rev Francis Makambwe, Parish Evangelist, St John w St Andrew, Waterloo: to be Vicar, St Catherine (Haberdashers), Hatcham (Southwark).

Britannia Royal Naval College

Vice-Admiral Sir Toby Frere, Chief of Fleet Support, took *the salute at a Passing Out* Parade held at Britannia Royal Naval College on July 25. The following officers passed out:

Direct Graduate Entry, Seamen:

Sub Lieutenants K L M Babbington, G C Brockington, A J Clemson, S C Coles, C D Gatenby, J Jones, P I Lumsden, D S Morley, P T O'Brien, E L Pavey, C E M Saunders, P Skidmore, R H Witte, B Woodford.

Naval College Entry, Seamen:

Midshipmen R Ackerley, P Daly, I R Finch, M J C Hember, R J Moran.

University Cadet Entry, Seaman:

Midshipman M B Feeney.

Direct Graduate Entry, Engineer:

Sub Lieutenants J H Brutton, C L Duesbury, S G Head, J Palmer, J R E Saward, R J Small, G C Tumelty, A G Wood.

Direct Graduate Entry, Supply:

Sub Lieutenants J Haigh, D L Porter, S W Quantrill, A J Stockbridge, E J Stowe.

Naval College Entry, Supply:

Midshipman J Hooper.

Direct Graduate Entry, 84 Flight Pilots:

Sub Lieutenants A R Baines, J P Frean, S B Gamble, J M Holder, D R Hooton, S M Hughes, M R Leighton, B C Lewis, M D Pedler, K M Thomson, J Wilson.

Naval College Entry, 84 Flight Pilots:

Midshipmen P A Greenwood, J B Mount, G I Simmonite.

Direct Graduate Entry, 84 Flight Observers:

Sub Lieutenants J C Clarke, D J Cole, H M McKee, D J Normanshire.

Internationals Entry 96/1:

Midshipmen Abrahams, Al Ali, Al Hajri, Al Kandari, Al Mismary, Al Naqbi, Al Qabandi Bader, Al Qabandi Nasser, Al Shehi, Al Zaabi, R *Charles, Daboh Brima* Umaru, Lim Jiun Yan, Mahmood, Marafi, Ng Pak Boon.

Special Duties Course 2/96:

Sub Lieutenants J F Blacklock, I Brint, I Calter, A Case, S C Dunkley, P Harriman, S P Lawrence, M J Lawton, S A Lovett, R G Manwaring, S M Pearch, N Reed, M Smith, P G Toon.

Latest wills

Recent estates include (net before tax):

Mr Adolphus William **Paterson**, of Staines, Middlesex, ... £742,098

Mr John Goulton **Sooby**, of Mansfield, Nottingham £563,770

Mrs Joan Barbara **Stone**, of Weybridge, Surrey.... £805,636

Mr Eric **Williams**, of Conwy, Gwynedd £710,297

Through a glass not quite so darkly

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

EVERYONE knows that ar*chaeologists dig up pot sherds* — but broken glass? Emphatically yes, and *Glass News* has just been launched to keep the *growing number of specialists* in touch with each other. While Roman and medieval glass vessels are both common and well researched, the origins of the craft are still being uncovered.

The first glazed artefacts come from Mesopotamia and are more than 6,000 years old, but glass containers appear only 3,500 years ago, suddenly becoming fashionable from Iran to Mycenae. Syria and Egypt were the main centres of development until glass became cheap and popular across the Roman Empire.

Glass News is "a new initiative to further the study of historic glass," says John Shepherd of the Museum of *London, the editor.* Vitreophiles will appreciate the catalogue of conferences, and of publications on topics ranging from Roman glass found at Colchester to Irish Volunteer and Dublin engraved glass of the past century.

An Internet forum, a triennial international congress, and a wide-ranging journal link hundreds of professional and amateur specialists, and a new museum, "The World of Glass", is planned at St Helens, housing the Pilkington Collection. While glass studies are anything but obscure already, *Glass News* will enlighten us further.

Contact the editor: *John Shepherd, Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2Y 5HN, fax 0171 600 1058, telephone 0171 600 3699.*

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BIRTHS

ABURIME - On August 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Josephine Aburime and Victor Ochiere, a lovely baby girl, Sabrina Aburime.

ALSAGER - On August 5th at 1515 at The Portland Hospital, to Shadin and Ahmed Alsager, a beautiful daughter, Alya, a sister for Fedda.

BARBER - On 21st July, to Susi and Richard, a son, Harry George, a brother for Alex, William, Jonathan and Daniel.

BECKER - On August 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Nicola and Joseph, a beautiful daughter, Sophie Celia - a sister for Alex.

CREAGH COEN - On August 4th at 8.17 pm at Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, to Christopher and Caroline, a beautiful son, Maximillian Antony Jack.

CROSS - On 12th August 1996, to Victoria (née Lambert) and James, a son, Hugh Alexander James, a brother for Robert.

FORRESTER - On 6th August 1996, to Sarah (née Wallace-Turner) and Alexander, a son, Jack Rory Robert Ligonier.

GIBB - On 7th August 1996, to Dulce (née Magat) and Michael, a beautiful daughter, Tamara Michelle.

GROTKÄMP - On August 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Claudia Grotkamp and her sister Anna, a beautiful daughter, Sophie Jade.

HARDING - On August 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Anne and Christopher, a daughter, Emily Rose.

LITTLEHALES - On 3rd August, to Katy (née McKay) and Philip, a *scrumptious* daughter, Mathilda Zara, 5lbs 15oz.

MORSHEAD - On August 4th, to Fiona (née Campbell-Ross) and Hugh, a son, Christopher Trelawny, a brother for Melissa.

NICOLL - On 5th August, to Fiona (née Harvey) and Andrew, a daughter, Isabella Molly, a sister for Alexandra.

OWENS - To Mark and Rebecca (née Howson-Green), a son, Ashley James, on 10th August at Hythe, Hampshire.

BIRTHS

SIMPSON - On 10th August at The Portland Hospital, to Jacqueline (née Dudley) and David, a son, Theodore Charles Edward.

VESTEY - On August 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Tessa and Tim, a son, Jack Arthur.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

WESTROPE - The family of the late Janet Westrope wish to thank all relatives and friends for their kindness, support, floral tributes and messages of sympathy following their sad loss. *Special thanks to Reverend J.* Samson for his comforting service and to John Lucas Funeral Directors for their attentiveness. Please accept this as the only intimation.

DEATHS

AICHROTH - Sophie Camilla, much loved little daughter of Mark and Camilla, sister of Sacha and Scarlett. Suddenly on 9th August. Funeral in Geneva 14th August. Donations, if desired, in lieu of flowers to Sophie Aichroth Trust for Special Needs Children c/o 1 K.O.S.B., Dreghorn Barracks, Colinton, Edinburgh.

BEEVERS - On August 8th 1996, at St Anthony's Hospital, Cheam, Lionel Alfred, aged 87 years. Beloved husband of the late Marguerite, dear companion of June, father of Colin and Lorna, grandfather of Susanna, Michael, Ruth, Claudine, Delia, Phoebe and David and great-grandfather of Isabel. Funeral Service at St James' Church, Riddlesdown on Thursday, August 15th at 1 pm followed by interment at Caterham Cemetery, Church Hill, Caterham-on-the-Hill. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to R.N.I.B. Talking Book Service, Mount Pleasant, Wembley, Middlesex HA0 1RR.

BOLTON - On August 5th 1996, peacefully in Sidmouth, Helen Josephine (née Cuddon), aged 79 years. Dearest sister of Dennis and the late Geraldine. Requiem Mass at The Church of the Most Precious Blood, Radway Road, Sidmouth on Monday August 19th at 11 am, followed by interment. Flowers to Potbury's Funeral Service, Sidmouth, please.

DEATHS

BRETT - On August 10th at Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, John Alfred, dedicated schoolmaster, devoted husband and very much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Private family cremation. Service of Thanksgiving in the Autumn. No flowers by request but donations, if desired, for Shaftesbury Royal British Legion may be sent to Merefield & Henstridge, F/D, Melbury Abbas, Shaftesbury, Dorset SP7 0BU.

CARRUTHERS - Phyllis May, on August 8th, beloved wife of James Edwin and dearly loved mother of James Alexander. Service at Christ Church, Chorleywood, on *Friday August 16th at 11 am,* followed by interment at Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery. Please, no flowers.

CLAYTON - Peacefully on 9th August 1996, Vera aged 98 years of New Milton, Hampshire. Beloved Mother of David and Michael and a much loved Grandmother and Great-Grandmother. Funeral Service at All Saint's *Church*, Maidenhead on Friday 16th August at 11 am, followed by committal at Reading Crematorium. Family flowers only please; donations to "The Peoples Dispensary for Sick Animals" can be sent to A.B. Walker & Son, Eldon House, 36 Eldon Road, Reading, RG1 4DX.

COOKE-YARBOROUGH - Pamela peacefully at dawn on 10th August 1996. Beloved mother of Ann and Penelope and grandmother of Lucie and Alex. Funeral Service at Ipswich Crematorium, West Chapel, Suffolk on Thursday 15th August at 2.45 pm. Donations if desired made payable to R.N.L.I. Aldeburgh Life Boat Guild, c/o Tony Browns Funeral Service, Saxmundham, Suffolk.

COOPER - On August 7th 1996 in Hampstead, Professor James Charles Cooper, beloved husband of Carolyn, much loved father of Matthew and Anna and beloved son of Phyllis. Funeral Service at St James' Church, N10, Friday 16th August at noon. Committal at St Marylebone Crematorium, N2.

COTTAM - On August 8th 1996 Ernest B. (Bob) aged 84. Devoted friend of Pam Bickerton-Smith, much loved brother of Audrey and Barbie and dear Uncle of their families. Private funeral has taken place. Donations if desired to the RSPB, The Lodge, Sandy, Beds. SG19 2DL.

DEATHS

DENNY - Margaret Louise on 11th August after a short illness aged 75. Widow of Major Noel 'Butty' Denny M.C. and mother of Louise, David, Jonathan and Rupert. Funeral at 12 noon on Friday 16th August at St Paul's Church, Holt Lane, Wokingham. Enquiries and flowers to J.B. Hall, Funeral Directors, 142 Finchampstead Road, Wokingham, Berks. RG11 2NU (01734-793623). Donations, if desired, to Duchess of Kent Ward Fund c/o J.B. Hall.

DICKINS - On Saturday 10th August 1996, Dr. Basil Gordon Dickins CBE (Rickie) peacefully in the Edith Dickins Wing at Clarkson House (Jersey Hospice), aged 88 years. Beloved husband of Edith and brother of Eileen and Jack. The Funeral Service will be *held at the Jersey* Crematorium on Thursday 15th August 1996 at 11.45am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to Jersey Hospice Care, c/o Hon. Treasurer Mr Ian Richardson, Reads & Co. PO BOX 641, 1 Seaton Place, St Helier, Jersey. Inch & Sullivan Funeral Directors. Tel: 01534 619922.

DUNSEATH - On 10th August peacefully at home Major D.R. Dunseath M.C., ex The Royal Ulster Rifles. Devoted husband of the late Barbara and much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Family cremation. Service of Thanksgiving for Paddy and Barbara on Friday 16th August at 2 pm at St Leonard's Church, Misterton, Crewkerne, Somerset. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Arthritis Research c/o A.E. Stoodley & Son, The Park, The George Shopping Centre, Crewkerne, Somerset TA18 7LU, tel: (01460) 73229.

EVANS - On August 5th, suddenly after a short illness, Wing Commander Paul Michael John Evans. Much loved husband of Valerie and father of Victoria and Sarah. Private cremation. Donations if desired, for the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund or the W.W.F. may be sent c/o F.W. House & Sons, Funeral Directors, Lymington, Hampshire, SO41 9NB.

FAULL - Dr. Rosemary suddenly on August 12th at Greenlane Hospital, Auckland, New Zealand. Much loved wife of the late Donald Faull and mother of Angela and Richard.

DEATHS

FULLERTON - On August 9th in the private wing of Charing Cross Hospital, Anne aged 57, after long battle against cancer bravely fought. Much loved wife and mother. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund c/o Leverton & Sons Ltd., Funeral Directors. Enquiries (0171) 387-6075.

GAERTNER - Albert Friedrich. Bertie passed away peacefully after a long illness, courageously borne, on August 9th 1996. Beloved husband of Meg, father of Kim, Bret and Bryn, and Papa to Amy and Benjamin. Funeral Service at Blackfriars Priory, St Giles, Oxford on Thursday August 15th at 2.30 pm. All are welcome to celebrate his life afterwards at The Old Barn, Mill Lane, Great Haseley, Oxfordshire. No flowers - donations to Bertie's Lymphoma Fund.

GAULTER - On 8th August 1996 Edith Irene peacefully in hospital (aged 72 years), dearly loved and loving wife of Derek for 47 years, beloved mother of Andrew, Briony, Cathy and Debbie and a devoted grandmother. Funeral Service at St Michael's, Chenies, Bucks at 11.30 am on Friday 16th August. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, Appeals Office, 6 Buckingham Place, London SW1E 6HR. Further enquiries to James Peddle Ltd., tel: (01923) 772013.

GOODALL - Kenneth Rawling at home on August 12th 1996 in Scarborough, beloved husband and father. Funeral Service at St Martin-on-the-Hill, Scarborough, on Friday August 16th at 11 am prior to strictly private interment. No flowers, letters or cards please.

HICKSON - Lt. Col. John Bertram Hickson, late of the 2nd Bn Northamptonshire Regt, died Sunday August 11th 1996 aged 81, much loved husband of Audrey, father of Sarah and Catie, stepfather of Nick and Georgie. Funeral Service St Mary's Church, Avington, near Winchester, on Tuesday August 20th at 3 pm. No flowers please. Donations to St Mary's Church.

JEFFS - Peacefully at Vale of Leven Hospital on 9th August, Edwin Stephen Jeffs, former Headmaster of Keil School, Dumbarton, dearly beloved husband of Audrey B. Jeffs (née Penfold), loving father of Peter and Deborah.

DEATHS

KINSMAN BARKER - On August 10th 1996 Mary Claudine aged 59 years of Wadebridge, Cornwall, from cancer which she handled with outstanding fortitude. Wife of Dr. Gordon Kinsman Barker, daughter of Violet Cleave, sister to Colin and David. Funeral Service Egloshayle Parish Church, Friday August 16th 11.15am. No flowers please. Donations in lieu if desired to either Cancer Research c/o Midland Bank, Wadebridge or if preferred to Mount Edgcumbe Hospice c/o Barclays Bank, Wadebridge. Enquiries (01208) 812626.

LOCKEYEAR - In London after a short illness James Herbert Lockeyear, aged 78. Advisory teacher to the ILEA. Funeral 11 am Thursday 15th August at Holy Trinity Church, Granville Road, London N4. Flowers if desired to Leverton & Son, 1 Denmark Terrace, N2.

LOEBL - Mary on August 5th in Newcastle. She lived to her 98th year with grace and courage always and is sadly missed by *Lili and Cecil.*

MacGREGOR - At his home 20 Stewart Avenue, Bo'ness, West Lothian, *Scotland*, suddenly on 9th August 1996 Ian G.S. MacGregor O.B.E. aged 71 years. Beloved brother of Mavis and brother-in-law of John and dearly loved uncle of Mary, David and Rachel. Funeral Service will be held in St Columba's Church, Blackhall, Edinburgh on Tuesday 20th August 1996 at 12.45 pm to which all *friends are respectfully* invited and thereafter to Warriston Crematorium Main Chapel arriving 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if so desired may be sent to The Development of the Association, Scottish Headquarters, The Scout Association, Fordell Firs, Hillend, Dunfermline, KY11 5HQ.

MAR AND KELLIE - Suddenly at Viewforth Nursing Home, Bridge of Allan, on Friday 9th August 1996, Pansie, Dowager Countess of Mar and Kellie, a beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Funeral private. Service of Thanksgiving will be announced at a later date.

DEATHS

MILNE - Isobel Rae of Green Hammerton, former Area Education Advisor for the Eastern Division of the West Riding County Council. Very dear friend of the late Margaret Dunn, peacefully in hospital on August 9th. The funeral service will be held at the Church of the Ascension, Whixley, on Wednesday August 14th at 11 am followed by private cremation. Donations please to Cancer Research, Yorkshire.

NOLAN - *Irene Rose "Lynda"* died August 6th. My love for you will never leave you. *David, Vincent, Judith,* Dominic and all her family. Requiem 12 noon Friday 16th St Margaret's Church, Twickenham. Enquiries (0181) 744-1125.

O'KANE - William Patrick OBE, JP, Ballymena, County Antrim, Northern Ireland, 11th August 1996, aged 86 years, peacefully at home with his family. Dear husband of the late Elsie and devoted father of Billy, Desmond, Liz Commerton and *Geraldine Hopkins.* Requiem Mass today Tuesday at 11 am at All Saints Church, Ballymena. Interment afterwards in Ballymena Cemetery. Deeply regretted and sadly missed by his entire family circle. Sweet Jesus have mercy R.I.P.

PARKINSON - Frieda Marion, late of St Hughs, Sheringham, peacefully on August 8th aged 93. A good friend to many. Funeral Service on Monday August 19th at 2 pm at St Faith's Crematorium, Norwich. Donations if desired to children's charities.

PASCOE - Brian Richard Saturday 10th August 1996 Brisbane, Australia. Beloved husband of Judith, *father of* Ashleigh, Kate, Susan and grandfather of Poppy. A funeral mass will be held at the Holy Cross Church, Chalk Street, Lutwyche, Wooloowin, Brisbane, on Tuesday 13th August at 11am. Judith Pascoe may be contacted at 10 Kimba Street, Chapel Hill, Brisbane 4069, Queensland, Australia.

DEATHS

REID - Barbara Jean (née Witter) August 10th 1996 passed away peacefully in her 88th year at home in Oxton, Birkenhead, after a short illness. Wife of the late Dr. J.K. Reid, mother of Gail, Bruce, Duncan and Alan, grandmother of ten and a great-grandmother. Funeral Service at St Saviour's Church, Oxton, Wirral, on Friday August 16th at 12.15pm followed by cremation at Landican. Enquiries and flowers to Charles Stephens Funeral Directors, tel: (0151) 645-4396.

STAPLETON - On August 9th, peacefully, after a short illness, Beryl Joan (née Lincoln), beloved wife of the late Dennis George Harvey Stapleton O.B.E. and devoted mother of David, Judy, Tim and Jane. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, London NW11 on Friday, August 16th at 11am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired to R.N.L.I., West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset BH15 1NZ.

SYMONDS - On 9th August peacefully at home, Pamela, beloved wife of Ronald for 56 years and very dear mother of Andrew, David and Joanna. Cremation private.

THORNE - On August 11th *1996, peacefully after a* short illness, just two months after her beloved Bill, Felicia (Fel), aged nearly 79, of Yarmouth, Isle of Wight. Darling sister of Leonard, Viv, Gordon and Yvonne, dearly loved Mummy/Mama of Sally, Nick, Vanessa and James and adored Granny of Peter, Chris, Jon, Simon, Katie, Jane, Becky and William. *Funeral Service at I.W.* Crematorium on Friday August 16th at 3.30 pm. Enquiries to Everson FD 01983-756733.

TIRARD - John Seppings Dury, Lt. Cdr. R.N. Ret'd. On Sunday August 11th, aged 76, after a short illness courageously borne. A much loved husband, brother, father, stepfather and grandfather. The service will take place at *St Mary's Alverstoke* on Tuesday August 20th at 2pm followed by cremation at Portchester. Family flowers only, donations to St Mary's Organ Fund c/o Churcher & Tribbeck, 3 Stoke Road, Gosport PO12 1LT.

WALTERS - On 9th August 1996 at *Salisbury District* Hospital Sybil Ellen aged 83 years. Beloved wife for 61 years of Brig. Malcolm *Holbech Walters C.B.E.* R.A.S.C. and much loved mother of Victoria Burnett and grandmother of Claire and Camilla. Funeral private,

DEATHS

WEIGALL - On 7th August 1996 peacefully at the College of St Barnabas, Lingfield, Margery, wife of the late *Reverend Anthony* Fitzroy Weigall, mother of David and grandmother of *Rose* and Julian. Funeral on Tuesday 20th August at 3pm St Margaret's Church, Barming, near Maidstone, Kent. Donations to College of St Barnabas or flowers to Alex Jones Funeral Directors, Lingfield, (01342) 832534.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ADAMS - A Memorial Service of Thanksgiving for the late Charles Christian Wilfrid Adams CMG, will be held at All Saints Church, Blackheath, London SE3 on Wednesday 18th September at 12 noon.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

HOWARD - *David* died very suddenly on 13th August 1995 aged 45 years. Grievously missed by all your friends. You will always remain deep in our hearts. All our love Mum and Dad.

RENNER - Peggy (née Dalton) died 13th August 1989. Miss you Mum.

WATERS - W.J. (Bill) died 13th August 1993. Ever remembered.

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OBITUARIES

WOLFE MORRIS

Wolfe Morris, actor, died on July 21 aged 71. He was born on January 5, 1925.

WOLFE MORRIS was an ebullient character actor who filled the stage with his expressive voice and gestures. There was nothing half-hearted or understated about him, and this very expansiveness may have been the reason why he was not more often seen in the cinema. After a promising start in films, Morris looked set to go further as a screen actor. But, as things turned out, he was to make his mark on the stage, where his talent had room to express itself.

There was something almost Method-like about Morris's complete immersion in a character (although he had far too much respect for the text ever to go completely down the Method route). Long before it became fashionable to do so, Morris was changing not only his manner of walking or speaking for a part, but often gaining and losing weight for it. He prepared for a television advertisement with almost the same zeal as for a role in Shakespeare. The smouldering East European passion he brought to a part might conceivably have stood him in better stead in America, where his appearances were confined to summer stock. But in Britain, where acting tends to rely more on understatement, Morris risked seeming old-fashioned. He was mostly admired by theatre critics, but occasionally patronised by those who thought there was just too much of him.

Morris was born in Portsmouth, one of nine children. His grandfather was a Russian Jew who had carried his son (Morris's father) on his shoulders across Europe to start a new life in Britain. His father, after working in Jewish music halls in the East End of London, became a businessman. Wolfe's mother had a glorious mezzo soprano voice, and used to sing at family weddings. Despite his exotic upbringing, and East European features, Morris regarded himself as a Hampshire man.

He was educated at Portsmouth Grammar School, where he shone at drama. He had a wonderful voice, even at this age, expressive and resonant. His mother would have preferred him to go to university, but Morris was set on a career in acting and won a scholarship to RADA at the age of 16. He won the Forbes Robertson and Kendal prizes while he was there, and gave his graduate performance of Richard III in front of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. She congratulated him warmly on his acting and, when she returned to RADA the next year, made a point of asking how the young Morris had fared.

As was to be expected, the war affected his career. He served in the RAF as a wireless operator in the Middle East and Far East. Afterwards he launched himself into a film career. *Ill Met by Moonlight* (1957) and *Nine Hours to Rama* (1963) allowed him to work with Michael Powell, and he made more than twenty films in all. But he was also gaining a reputation for his stage work and scored a particular triumph in *The Immoralist* in the late 1940s, directed by Peter Hall at the Arts Theatre Club. This was an adaptation of the André Gide novel, in which Morris played a young Arab boy. The homosexual theme of the play ensured a great deal of publicity.

Morris joined Robert Atkins's company at the Open Air Theatre in Regent's Park in the 1950s, and also the Royal Shakespeare Company. He had small parts in *Henry VIII* and later, touring with the RSC, he appeared in *The Taming of the Shrew*. The work of Shakespeare and Marlowe suited him well. It demonstrated his beautiful speaking voice and his enthusiasm for the English language.

In 1960 he played Godbole (the part taken by Alec Guinness in the film) in the stage version of *A Passage to India* at the Comedy, for which Morris taught himself the art of singing the Indian raga. E. M. Forster wrote him a letter saying it was the most accurate portrayal of the character he had witnessed. He played another Oriental — this time a Japanese — in *The Tea House of the August Moon* at Her Majesty's Theatre in 1954.

In the 1970s he went on to the Manchester Royal Exchange Theatre where he played Sir Toby Belch in *Twelfth Night* (1978). In 1980, for a particularly fine production of *Waiting for Godot* there, he appeared as Pozzo, portraying him as a monstrous, greedy, dictatorial creature in a pin-striped suit. He approached learning Beckett as though it were music, enunciating every "pause" to himself as he rehearsed his lines. But there was nothing academic or bloodless about his interpretation of the role.

His Shakespearean characters were similarly fleshy portrayals. He knew not only how to speak the lines, but also how to round out the character in a physical manner. For his Caliban in *The Tempest*, in which he toured the Middle East, he brought out the character's fish-like qualities. But he also played excellent farce. He was the bank manager who lost his trousers in an overseas tour of *No Sex Please, We're British*.

His best television work was probably as Thomas Cromwell in the *Six Wives of Henry VIII*, in 1970. For this he took his young daughter, Shona, on a guided tour of various castles in Britain, to view the portraits of Cromwell. Shona became an actress herself, and one of the last pieces of theatre he did was to play opposite his daughter in *Big Hysteria*. His part was that of a 19th-century French neurologist and, after touring the play in this country, he took the production to Russia.

He met his wife Eva at the Perth Repertory Company, and they were married in 1950. They lived in Hampstead and she became his secretary and manager. After their daughter had left home, she accompanied him on tours. Both she and their daughter survive him.

GERRY GOMEZ

Gerry Gomez, West Indian cricketer and cricket administrator, died at Port of Spain, Trinidad, on August 6, aged 76. He was born there on October 10, 1919.

FIRST as an all-round cricketer, then as manager of the West Indies team and finally as an administrator, Gerry Gomez was among the game of cricket's great favourites. He had the softest of manners, the firmest of views and the highest of standards.

For the last four years he had overseen, as president of the Queen's Park Cricket Club in Port of Spain, major improvements at the Queen's Park Oval, one of Test cricket's most emotive settings.

Of Portuguese extraction, Gerald Ethridge Gomez was the son of J. E. Gomez, himself a first-class cricketer from Trinidad in the days when the game in the Caribbean was still being held back by isolation. Gerry Gomez was a natural and enthusiastic games player, an inter-island footballer in his teens and a versatile, albeit unspectacular, cricketer. He died on the tennis court, suffering a heart attack while playing a regular weekly doubles.

Gomez came to England for the first time in 1939 as a young member of R. S. Grant's West Indian side, and for the second as one of the pillars of J. D. Goddard's side in 1950, the one that came with no great expectations and yet carried all before it. Gomez's steadiness with bat and ball was a useful foil to the brilliance of the three Ws: Walcott, Weeks and Worrell, and the sorcery of Ramadhin and Valentine, the "spin twins" whose deeds gave rise to the famous calypso, *Cricket, lovely cricket*. This was written to celebrate West Indies' first Test victory in England, achieved at Lord's in June 1950.

Gomez played 29 Test matches, in the course of which he amassed a total of 1,243 runs, took 58 wickets and held 18 catches. He was a sturdy batsman and a swing bowler of gentle pace who could turn to off breaks when circumstances required it. His one Test hundred was against India at Delhi in 1948-49, a tour on which he bore the brunt of the bowling.

He captained West Indies once, when George Headley was forced to withdraw from the second Test match against England in 1947-48. He also umpired in a Test match, the third between West Indies and Australia at Georgetown in 1964-65, when an emergency arose. As one of the radio commentary team and a West Indian selector at the time, he had helped to choose the home side and after removing the bails at the end of each day's play he repaired to the microphone to sum things up — a tripartite responsibility of unique proportions.

The fifth-highest partnership ever made in first-class cricket stands to Gomez and his friend and contemporary, both at school and in the West Indian side, J. B. Stollmeyer. They added 434 together for Trinidad against British Guiana at Port of Spain in 1947. Gomez also has a special place in the history of West Indian cricket as manager of Frank Worrell's side to Australia in 1960-61, the tour that incorporated the first-ever tied Test and ended with the West Indians being accorded a ticker-tape farewell through the streets of Melbourne. The affection and respect which Gomez inspired had much to do with the popularity of the West Indians and the success of the tour.

As the proprietor of the sports goods firm of Sports & Games in Port of Spain, Gerry Gomez was able to make time to serve cricket in all its aspects, not least as the champion of the umpiring fraternity in the islands and eventually as an elder statesman. While welcoming their success, he was concerned about the premium placed by successive West Indian sides on fast, short-pitched bowling; but he was too wise to be dogmatic in his strictures.

He is survived by his wife, Yvette, and their three sons and one daughter.

KEVIN MOORHOUSE

Kevin Moorhouse, test pilot, died in an air crash on July 21 aged 50. He was born on December 30, 1945.

KEVIN MOORHOUSE who died in the crash of the last airworthy Mosquito at the Barton airshow, near Manchester, had a flying career which began with Hawker Siddeley and involved him in testing some of British Aerospace's latest civil aircraft. Joining Hawker Siddeley as an apprentice, he had become successively a flight test observer and then a development test pilot with Avro-Aerospace International. His career was unusual in that he had been with Avro from the beginning, and had not followed the traditional route to industry test piloting — via Service flying and a military test pilot school.

His skill as a pilot was acknowledged when he was chosen, in 1993, to fly the historic Mosquito TIII, owned, maintained and displayed at airshows by the de Havilland Division of Hawker Siddeley Aviation and subsequently British Aerospace, after the aeroplane was been acquired from the RAF in 1963. The Mosquito, painted in contemporary RAF camouflage, had been for some years the only remaining flying example of the type. It was entirely original in its specification and had never been subjected to a rebuild or restoration.

Brought up in Southport, Lancashire, John Kevin Moorhouse became enthusiastic about aviation from pleasure flights from Southport Sands, generally done in pre-Second World War types such as de Havilland Moth biplanes. From Stockport Technical College he went as an apprentice to the old Avro Manchester works in 1963, shortly after the company had been absorbed by Hawker Siddeley Aviation. His career as a pilot began when he joined the Avro Gliding Club at Woodford.

At Avro he was trained as a flight test observer and subsequently as a flight test engineer and was therefore steeped in test flying terminology and techniques by the time he gained a Private Pilot's Licence on his own account. As a result his employers sponsored him for his Commercial Pilot's Licence and he subsequently gained an Airline Transport Pilot's Licence.

He became a commander of the company's communications aircraft and then a training captain, and took part in many military and commercial development and production flights.

He subsequently became a production test pilot and eventually a development test pilot. As such, he flew the BAe748 turbo-prop short/medium range turboprop airliner and the BAe146, the quiet, small four-jet airliner which has been one of the company's great successes internationally. He was also responsible for much of the test flying of the BAe advanced turboprop (ATP) regional transport aircraft, which ultimately succeeded the 748. His involvement was concentrated on runway performance trials and in noise measuring tests which led to the aircraft's certification.

Kevin Moorhouse's abiding passion in life, even outside his professional work, was aviation and in addition to his test flying he was a CAA instrument rating examiner and type rating examiner.

His recreation was to fly the Mosquito, BAe's 1925 Cirrus Moth biplane and his own early Tiger-Moth — when he was not riding his Triumph twin motorcycle. He had a resolute but easy personality, allied to formidable powers of concentration and stamina. He married in 1972, Gillian Bradley, who survives him with two teenaged daughters.

Moorhouse, top, and the Mosquito TIII he was flying at the time of his death

ON THIS DAY

August 13, 1934

For all the euphoria attending this Prom, the readers were not allowed to forget that the account was written by Our Music Critic.

SIR HENRY WOOD'S 40TH SEASON

The audience which filled every seat and every inch of standing room at the Queen's Hall on Saturday night was determined that the occasion should not pass unmarked by some special demonstration of its feelings. The problem of how to convey to Sir Henry Wood the simultaneous congratulation, gratitude, and respect of some 3,000 people might seem difficult since one ovation is very like another, and there comes a point, reached long ago at the "Proms", when applause cannot get louder or even longer. But the difficulty was solved simply and spontaneously when all the seat-holders, prompted by those at the sides who stood up for a better view of the conductor, rose in their places to receive him. "The Fortieth Season Conducted by Sir Henry Wood", to quote the accurate words of the programme, began more solemnly than usual. But Elgar had to be remembered on such an occasion, especially as during the rest of the season his works, with the exception of the First Symphony, are to be used as make-weights after the interval. For his memorial the Prelude to *The Kingdom* was aptly chosen, since it represented the composer at his best and in an aspect infrequently presented to Promenade audiences. Gustav Holst, too, was represented by three of "The Planets", which were excellently played and most cordially received. The orchestra, led as usual by Mr. Charles Woodhouse, were evidently on their mettle, and some of the playing reached the highest possible standard. Strauss's "Till Eulenspiegel", written in the year of the first "Proms" and representing a composer whom Sir Henry Wood championed in the early controversial days, and Rimsky-Korsakov's "Capriccio Espagnol" were both brilliantly played. In César Franck's Symphonic Variations the orchestral performance was less good, and it is to be hoped that this is not a foretaste of what is to happen in other concertos during the season. The pianoforte solo was played efficiently, but without much character, by Miss Irene Kohler. The other soloists were Miss Maggie Teyte, who sang Mimi's air from *La Boheme* exquisitely, and Mr. Dennis Noble, who gave of Figaro's air from *The Barber of Seville* a performance that was perfectly Italianate both in its good qualities and its bad. By way of "novelty" we were given transcriptions for strings of two Preludes by Bach made by Pick-Mangiagalli. After Miss Teyte had sung Liszt's setting of "Mignon's Song", the concert ended with renewed ovations for Sir Henry Wood and his men.

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Battlers on the wild frontier

Derwent May on a charity's pioneering work to preserve species diversity

Yesterday the guns were blazing on the grouse moors again — and the Game Conservancy Trust was looking back on another productive year. Some of its 45 research scientists have been tracking radio-tagged grouse in Inverness-shire and identifying the main threats to their chicks, while others in the North of England have been making discoveries about the best way to reseed moors where the heather has been wiped out by grazing sheep.

But the Game Conservancy Trust, an independent research charity which has been in existence for more than 60 years, is nowadays concerned with much more than game birds. The widespread decline in partridge numbers has led it into studies of the general effect on wildlife of present-day farming methods, and its research now is as much into the survival of yellowhammers and skylarks, wild flowers and butterflies, as it is with targets for the guns.

JAN TÖVE JOHANSSON

A grey partridge. Concern about falling partridge numbers led the Trust towards more general habitat research

Last year the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds itself commissioned the Trust to make a study of the diet of that little-seen bird of the West of England, the cirl bunting. The Trust also won the Wildlife Society of America's 1995 Group Achievement Award for Services to Wildlife Conservation — the first time the award has been given to an organisation outside the Americas.

In the Trust's *Review of 1995*, Dr Dick Potts, the director-general, writes persuasively about the disastrous effects of intensive farming on wildlife, and the urgent need to start reversing them. He brings up a subject that has been practically forgotten — ley farming, or the sowing of grass within a corn crop, so that after the grain has been harvested a new crop of grass immediately springs up in the field.

This traditional method of farming brings enormous benefits to hares, partridges, pheasants, corn buntings, skylarks, insects such as sawfly and leaf-hoppers, and flowers. The Trust has shown this by comparing a number of farms in Sussex, some of which still use and some of which have abandoned undersowing. But not a penny of the common agricultural policy budget in Britain has gone to help ley farming. Dr Potts makes a strong case for the introduction of a new policy here.

He also warns against the consequences of the proposed cut in grants for set-aside land to meet some of the cost of the beef crisis. On the contrary, he would like to see more conservation funds directed towards set-aside — especially for those farmers who choose the Wild Bird Cover Option on their set-aside fields. This allows them to plant a mixture of crops, such as cereals and brassica, which is "non-harvestable" but splendid for birds.

The Trust has been doing many other things. On its farm at Loddington in Leicestershire, it has been planting its own set-aside fields with cover that has markedly increased the hare population, and has been seeding a wetland area for snipe conservation and study. Its woodcock studies also continue. It was Trust ornithologists who discovered that woodcock do not feed when they lie up for the day in woodland, but go down to forage for worms in fields at night — and also that they do not form steady pairs, but find mates at "leks", or communal display grounds. Deer, capercaillie and — it goes without saying — pheasants have all come under the Trust's scrutiny again.

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How the Trust helps brown trout

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The Piddle is also one of the few rivers in the South of England where the native white clawed crayfish survives. The Trust researchers found that the crayfish were absent from silty stretches of the river but abundant in the stretches cleaned up for trout. Helping the one evidently helps the other.

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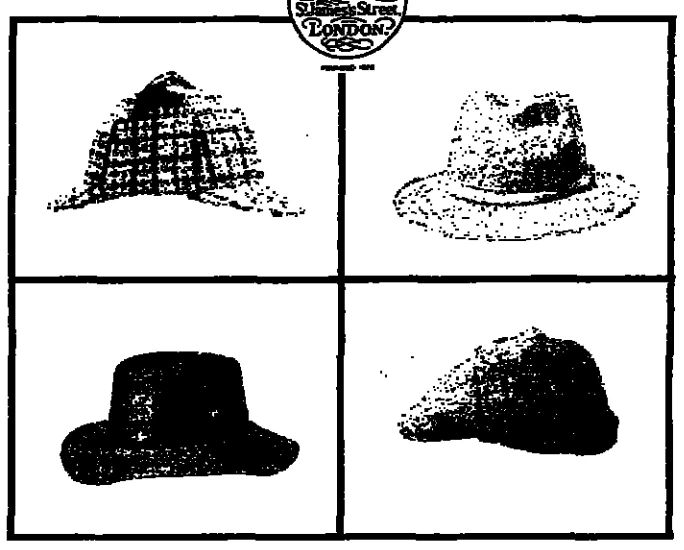

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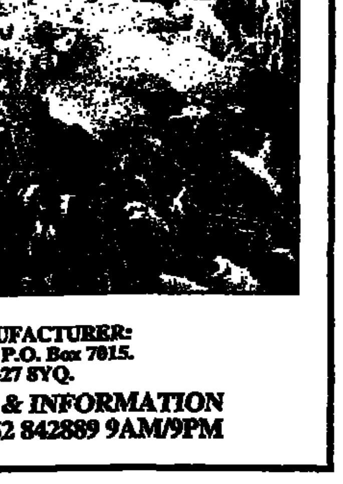

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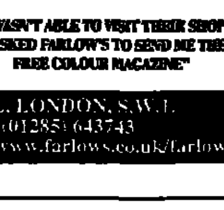

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Chancery Division

Composite proceedings avoid risk

Barings plc and Another v Coopers & Lybrand (a Firm) and Others

Before Mr Justice Chadwick

[Judgment August 2]

Claims by Barings plc against its auditors in London and in Singapore raised common questions of law and fact which arose out of the same transactions, namely the unauthorised dealings by Mr Nick Leeson on behalf of a Singapore subsidiary, and the court had jurisdiction to give leave to serve the writ outside the jurisdiction of the High Court.

Composite proceedings in London offered the best chance of avoiding the risks that different courts might reach different conclusions on the same underlying facts and that the defendants might be sued in both London and Singapore in respect of the same transactions.

Furthermore, the question whether the auditors of a subsidiary company owed a duty of care to the parent company was a serious issue to be tried.

Mr Justice Chadwick so held in the Chancery Division when dismissing applications by the fourth and fifth defendants, Khoo Kum Wing and S. J. Tan, to set aside service outside the jurisdiction of a writ issued against them and Coopers & Lybrand, Chaly Chee Kheong Mah and Po'ad Bin Shaik Abu Bakar Mattar by the plaintiff, Barings plc. The second plaintiff was Bishopscourt (BS) Ltd.

Leave to serve the writ out of the jurisdiction had been granted by Master Barratt on January 23, 1996.

Mr Stanley Burnton, QC, Mr Richard Gillis and Mr Graham Halkaston for the plaintiffs; Mr Jonathan Gaisman, QC and Mr Christopher Butcher for the second and third defendants; Mr Richard Field, QC and Mr Philip Sales for the first, fourth and fifth defendants.

MR JUSTICE CHADWICK said that Barings was at all material times the ultimate holding company of a group which included Bishopscourt, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands and formerly known as Barings Securities Ltd.

Bishopscourt's subsidiaries included Baring Securities (London) Ltd, Baring Securities (Japan) Ltd, and Baring Futures (Singapore) Pte Ltd, which traded in financial futures on the Singapore international monetary exchange and executed and cleared orders for the companies within the Barings group. Mr Leeson was an employee and, from mid-1993, the general manager of Baring Futures in Singapore.

The collapse of the Barings group in February 1995 following the discovery of massive losses incurred by the Singapore company was the subject of a report under the Banking Act 1987 by the Board of Banking Supervision of the Bank of England. It concluded, inter alia, that the unauthorised and ultimately catastrophic activities of one individual, Mr Leeson, had gone undetected as a consequence of a failure of management and other controls of the most basic kind.

The first defendants, Coopers & Lybrand, were the external auditors of Barings in the financial years 1991 to 1994. Deloitte & Touche, a firm of accountants practising in Singapore, of which the second and third defendants, Chaly Chee Kheong Mah and Po'ad Bin Shaik Abu Bakar Mattar were partners, were the external auditors of Barings Futures for the financial year ending September 30, 1992 and the 15 months ending December 31, 1993.

The fourth and fifth defendants, Khoo Kum Wing and S. J. Tan, were partners of Coopers & Lybrand (Singapore), who were Baring Futures's external auditors for the financial year ending December 31, 1994.

The plaintiffs claimed damages against the defendants for, inter alia, failure to identify and report on the lack of internal controls and upon Mr Leeson's unauthorised trading through an account designated account 88888.

The plaintiffs were granted leave to serve the writ on the second, third, fourth and fifth defendants out of the jurisdiction. The fourth and fifth defendants applied to set aside service of the writ on the ground that there was no good arguable claim, or alternatively no serious issue to be tried as between Barings and Coopers & Lybrand (Singapore) and that in all the circumstances the English court was not the appropriate forum for the trial of the claim.

His Lordship said that in order to decide whether Coopers & Lybrand (Sinapore) were proper parties to the Barings action against Coopers & Lybrand he had to be satisfied to the standard of good arguable case on the test in Order 15, rule 4(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court that if separate actions were brought against Coopers & Lybrand and Coopers & Lybrand (Singapore) some common question of law or fact would arise in each and that the relief claimed in the action against Coopers & Lybrand and Coopers & Lybrand (Singapore) arose out of the same transaction or series of transactions.

His Lordship was so satisfied. The action arose out of Mr Leeson's unauthorised trading on account 88888. It followed that Coopers & Lybrand (Singapore) were proper parties to Barings plc's claim against Coopers & Lybrand and the court had jurisdiction under Order 11, rule 1(1)(c) to grant leave to serve the writ on Coopers & Lybrand (Singapore) in Singapore.

It was also submitted that on a proper analysis of the facts and the law there was no serious question to be tried because Coopers & Lybrand (Singapore) owed no relevant duty of care to Barings plc and that, if any duty was owed, it was secondary to the duty owed by Coopers & Lybrand (Singapore) to Baring Futures (Singapore) who should have been the proper plaintiff, not Barings plc.

His Lordship said that the relevant relationship in the present case was that of an auditor of a subsidiary company to the parent company of the group. The auditors of a subsidiary had no statutory duty as such to the parent company.

The duties, if any, which Coopers & Lybrand (Singapore) owed to Barings plc arose out of specific facts and matters. It was clear on the evidence set out in the documents that Coopers & Lybrand (Singapore) knew that certain information which they were instructed to supply was required by Barings plc in order that the directors could comply with the obligations imposed upon them by section 227 of the Companies Act 1985, to prepare consolidated accounts which showed a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the group.

In those circumstances, his Lordship was satisfied that this was not a case in which it could be said that there was no serious question of law to be tried on the existence of a duty of care owed by Coopers & Lybrand (Singapore) to Barings plc.

If Barings plc established liability there would be complex issues to be decided in relation to damages, but those were issues which were best decided at or after a trial.

On the question of forum conveniens his Lordship was satisfied that composite proceedings in London offered the best chance of achieving the two objectives which were paramount and which all the parties professed a wish to achieve:

(i) avoiding the risk that different courts would reach different conclusions on the same underlying facts and (ii) avoiding the risk that either Deloitte & Touche or Coopers & Lybrand (Singapore) would be sued in both London and Singapore in respect of the same transactions.

Solicitors: Slaughter & May; Wilde Sapte; Herbert Smith.

Court of Appeal

Delay in appointing arbitrator

Frota Oceanica Brasileira SA and Another v Steamship Mutual Underwriting Association (Bermuda) Ltd (The Frotanorte)

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Hirst and Lord Justice Schiemann

[Judgment July 30]

The discretion given to the court by section 10(1) of the Arbitration Act 1950 to appoint an arbitrator was completely unfettered. Inordinate and inexcusable delay by a party to an arbitration agreement in applying for an appointment to be made, in the absence of prejudice, was a proper ground for refusing to exercise the discretion in that party's favour.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the plaintiffs, Frota Oceanica Brasileira SA and Instituto de Resseguros do Brasil, from a decision of Mr Justice Longmore in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division ([1995] 2 Lloyd's Rep 254) whereby he held, inter alia, that he should not appoint an arbitrator to resolve the dispute between the plaintiffs and the defendant P & I club, Steamship Mutual Underwriting Association (Bermuda) Ltd.

Mr Stephen Tomlinson, QC and Mr Adam Fenton for the plaintiffs; Mr Jeremy Cooke, QC and Mr David Kendrick for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE HIRST said that the proceedings stemmed from a collision between the Frotanorte and another vessel, the Theopaes, off Puerto Rico in 1978.

The judge declined to exercise his discretion to make an appointment under section 10(1) of the 1950 Act on the ground that the delay had been so inordinate and inexcusable that, even in the absence of prejudice, it would be wrong to allow the arbitration to proceed. He based his decision on delay between 1991 and 1994, against the background of earlier extended periods of delay.

Mr Tomlinson submitted that the judge had erred. The court, he submitted, should extend to section 10(1) the well established principles in cases of striking out for want of prosecution laid down by *Allen v Sir Alfred McAlpine & Sons Ltd* ([1968] 2 QB 229, CA) and *Birkett v James* ([1978] AC 297, HL).

In *Department of Transport v Chris Smaller (Transport) Ltd* ([1989] 1 AC 1197), he said, the House of Lords had declined to abandon those principles and that by the same token, in the absence of prejudice, refusal to make an appointment would be tantamount to punishing the plaintiffs in circumstances where, ex hypothesi, a fair trial could still be conducted.

The leading case on section 10 was *Bjornstad v Ouse Shipping Ltd* ([1924] 2 KB 673). Mr Cooke submitted that that case clearly demonstrated that the discretion was completely unfettered.

There was nothing in the wording of section 10(1) to suggest that the discretion was other than completely unfettered.

There was no obligation to read into it the requirment of proof of prejudice stipulated in the striking out cases, which despite its reaffirmation in the *Smaller* case, had attracted strong judicial criticism.

The judge was correct in holding that the absence of prejudice was not fatal to the exercise of the section 10 discretion against the plaintiffs. He had taken all relevant factors into account and there was no reason to interfere with his decision.

Lord Justice Schiemann delivered a judgment concurring in the result.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE, concurring with Lord Justice Hirst, said that it was a natural tendency for case law to develop general principles on which a particular discretion, in terms unfettered, ought to be exercised by the court.

In some instances the principles had been developed to such a state of sophistication that it had become questionable whether the court was left with any discretion at all.

Such indeed had been the fate of those which had now, for nearly two decades, been enshrined in *Birkett v James*, a decision reaffirmed, despite the humble protests of many members of the Court of Appeal, in *Department of Transport v Chris Smaller (Transport) Ltd*.

Since then there had been the pleas of Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, and Lord Justice Millett in *Sparrow v Sovereign Chicken Ltd* (unreported, CA, June 8, 1994).

Every discretion had to be exercised judicially and in accordance with any principles that had been developed in relation to it. But that did not mean that one discretion had to be exercised in accordance with principles that had been developed in relation to another.

Moreover, where authority had left it more or less at large its exercise ought not to be narrowed without good reason. That was especially so where the discretion was to grant or refuse a remedy.

In every such case there had to come a time when the court could properly refuse to grant it, not because its dignity had been affronted nor in order to punish the applicant, but simply because it was wrong to grant a remedy to someone who had for so long neglected his right to seek it.

The power to refuse relief in such circumstances was one which every court in the land would wish to preserve. Accordingly, it was unacceptable that inordinate and inexcusable delay was only capable of defeating an application under section 10(1) if it had caused serious prejudice to the other party.

Solicitors: Elborne Mitchell; Richards Butler.

Limit to benefit of plaintiff's cross-undertaking

Berkeley Administration Inc v McClelland and Others

A party who was joined as a defendant after an interlocutory injunction obtained by the plaintiff had been discharged was not entitled to the benefit of the cross-undertaking in damages given by the plaintiff on the granting of the order, the Court of Appeal stated on June 21.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, with whom Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice Potter agreed, said that where the plaintiff obtained an interlocutory injunction the cross-undertaking in damages applied to all defendants although only one or more might be restrained: see Order 29, rule 1(13) of the Rules of the Supreme Court and *Tucker v New Brunswick Trading Co* ((1890) 44 Ch D 249).

One could deduce the proposition that advantage could be taken of the cross-undertaking by every defendant who was a party when the cross-undertaking was granted but not by any party that became a defendant after the injunction was discharged.

That left open the position of persons joined during the currency of the injunction. Although that did not apply in the present case, his Lordship was of the opinion that the benefit of the undertaking would extend to all defendants joined while the order was in force.

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You have £35 million with which to assemble your ITF *team and then, week by week,* juggle your squad with a wary eye on the transfer market. You will be able to respond to changes in a player's form and fitness with careful buying and selling and, just as every manager must keep the man with the purse strings happy, you must always keep within your £35 million budget.

Not only will you be pitting your selectorial skills against other readers of *The Times*, you will also be matching your wits against those in the know. With the support of the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA), current Premiership players have been encouraged to enter sides of their own.

So what do you have to do? You have £35 million to spend on a team of 11 players and a manager. Study the lists of players in the five categories — goalkeepers, full backs, central defenders, midfield play*ers and strikers — and the* price of each. You must select a *team in 4-4-2 formation*, including one goalkeeper, two full backs, two central defenders, four midfield players and two strikers. You must pick a manager — who will have a price tag too.

All the players and managers have been allotted a five-digit code. Once you have selected your ITF team, you *may enter it by post or* telephone, using the entry form below. Then it is down to your players to score the points to take you to the top of the selectors' league. All matches from Saturday August 17 in the FA Carling Premiership, the Bell's Scottish League premier division and those in the FA Cup involving Premiership clubs and the Tennents Scottish Cup involving premier division clubs will count.

But how should you choose your team? The essential rules are that you cannot have more than two individuals (two players or one player and the manager) from any one club in your team, you may not pick the same player twice and that you must not exceed your budget of £35 million. For example, if you select as your strikers the Liverpool pairing of Stan Collymore and Robbie Fowler, that will take up your *Liverpool allocation. If, however*, one of your selected midfield players, say Paul Gascoigne, leaves Rangers to join Liverpool, you will then have three at the Anfield club — but you need not worry. ITF has an active transfer system, which is in operation from *Saturday August 17 and you* will be able to adjust your team accordingly. You must replace the outgoing player with one from the same category (a full back with a full back) and keep within your £35 million budget. Equally, if one of your players is transferred out of the Premiership or Scottish League premier division, he is no longer eligible for ITF. Any players from outside the Premiership or Scottish League premier division that are transferred to clubs playing in the top level during the season will become available for transfer. Note, too, that there are several additional players since ITF was launched last Monday.

You have six days in which to enter a team and you may enter as many times as you like. Postal entries will start scoring as soon as they are processed and telephone entries made by 12 noon will start *scoring from matches played* on that day onwards.

Your players and manager will win *and* lose you points. Points are awarded depending on every goal scored and conceded with three points earned for a goalkeeper or defender (full back and central defender) scoring a goal, two points for a midfield player or striker scoring, three points for a defender keeping a clean *sheet (not letting in a goal)*, four points for a goalkeeper maintaining a clean sheet, one point for a midfield player keeping a clean sheet and all players receive one point for appearing in a match (providing they play for 45 minutes in that game). Any player scoring a hat-trick will receive six bonus points. To secure points for a clean sheet, a player must have played for at least 75 *minutes in that match*.

Points will be deducted for every goal a defender concedes (one), every goal a goalkeeper concedes (two), every booking a player receives (one), every time a player is sent off (three) and a point each for a penalty conceded by a player, a penalty missed and every own goal scored by a player.

If you have selected Kevin Keegan as your manager, you will earn three points if Newcastle United win, one point if they draw and have a point docked if they lose. If Keegan was dismissed or moved to a club outside the Premiership or Scottish League premier division, you would need a new manager.

There are two methods by which you may enter:

By post: fill in the entry *form below (there is a step-by-step guide provided)* showing the team in formation (photocopies are not acceptable) and send it with a cheque or postal order for £2 payable to *The Times* Interactive Team Football to Abacus House, Dudley Street, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 1ZZ to arrive by noon on Saturday, August 17. You will receive a letter of confirmation and notification of your Per*sonal Identification Number* (PIN) and team. The entry fee for registrations outside the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland is £5.

By telephone: using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone, call **0891 405 011** to *record your team following the* simple step-by-step instructions. Calls will be charged at 39p per minute cheap rate, 49p per minute at other times. *Each call will last about eight* minutes but will cost approximately double from a pay phone. The registration line for readers entering from the Republic of Ireland is **004 4990 100 320**. Each player you enter will be confirmed on the telephone after you have completed your selection and the selector given a PIN.

All ITF queries should be directed to 01582 488 122.

THE TIMES ITF INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL

IN ASSOCIATION WITH Sky Sports Interactive

EXCLUSIVE TO ITF ENTRANTS

FORM YOUR OWN ITF MINI LEAGUE AND GET PERSONALISED UPDATES

This season you and your friends can compete directly against each other in your *own ITF Mini-League* all you need are four or more people (up to a maximum of 100) and a nominated chairperson.

A Mini-League is simple to set up and costs only £2.50 extra. A Mini-League may only be entered by post. Each player must enclose his or her ITF application form in the normal way (see entry instructions on these pages).

All payments and entry forms must be in the same envelope along with the attached form and your additional £2.50, payable to *The Times* Interactive Team Football, Abacus House, Dudley Street, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 1ZZ. *You cannot* add members to your Mini-League after your initial entry.

The fee is £5 sterling for a Mini-League for entrants outside the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. Further details are *available from* 01582 488122.

Each month, a letter will be sent to the chairperson showing the position of all entrants in their Mini-League.

MINI LEAGUE ENTRY FORM

I enclose all team entries in the same envelope along with an additional cheque/postal order for £2.50.
Please set up my Mini-League.

Chairperson's name ....

Mini-League name ....

I enclose .... entry forms with £2 entry fee each, plus an extra £2.50 to set up my mini league.

Total payment £ ....

THE TIMES ITF IN ASSOCIATION WITH Sky Sports

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WIN A UNIQUE SOUVENIR OF EURO 96

A moment of history was made in Euro '96 when Gary and Philip Neville became the first brothers since the Charltons to be *selected for England. To celebrate this event* we have 20 Mitre footballs and 50 England shirts signed by the brothers to give away to players who enter *The Times* ITF by Friday August 16, 1996. The winners will be selected at random and notified by August 30. No purchase necessary.

Mitre is the official football of *The Times* ITF.

Mitre >

PLAY ITF ON-LINE

Play on-line to win all the great ITF prizes, including the £50,000 first prize. Plus play for special Internet prizes, such as the £1,000 top prize and the £250 monthly prize. You can also check your position in the internet league instantly, on-line.

HOW TO PLAY

1. Enter *The Times* Internet Edition at http://www.the-times.co.uk
2. Look for the special ITF button.
3. Entry on-line costs £7.50, payable only by credit card. This allows you to make transfers for the entire season.

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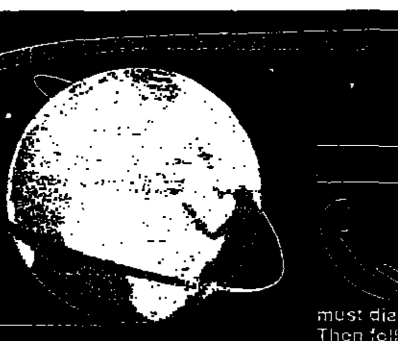


HOW TO PLAY

You have £35 million to spend on a team of 11 players and a manager

You must pick

- 1 GOALKEEPER
- 2 FULL BACKS
- 2 CENTRAL DEFENDERS
- 4 MIDFIELD PLAYERS
- 2 STRIKERS
- 1 MANAGER

Choose your players and manager from the Interactive Team Football category lists (which include code numbers and values). The total value of your 11 players and manager must not exceed £35 million.

You must not pick more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same club and no player can be picked twice.

Your players and manager accumulate points in all 1996-97 matches in the FA Carling Premiership, FA Cup, Bell's Scottish League premier division and Tennents Scottish Cup from Saturday August 17 onwards. Every goal they score or concede counts towards your total. The team with the most points at the end of the season will win the £50,000 first prize. You may enter as many teams as you like.

HOW TO ENTER BY POST

Fill in the entry form on the ball, right (photocopies are not acceptable) and send it with a cheque or postal order for £2 payable to The Times Interactive Team Football to Abacus House, Dudley Street, Luton, Bedfordshire LU1 1ZZ. The entry fee for registrations outside the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland is £5, which may only be made by post.

Postal entries must be received prior to Saturday August 17 and telephone entries must be made by 12 noon on Saturday August 17 in order to start scoring from the beginning of the season. Postal entrants will receive a letter of confirmation and notification of their Personal Identification Number (PIN) and team.

HOW TO ENTER BY TELEPHONE

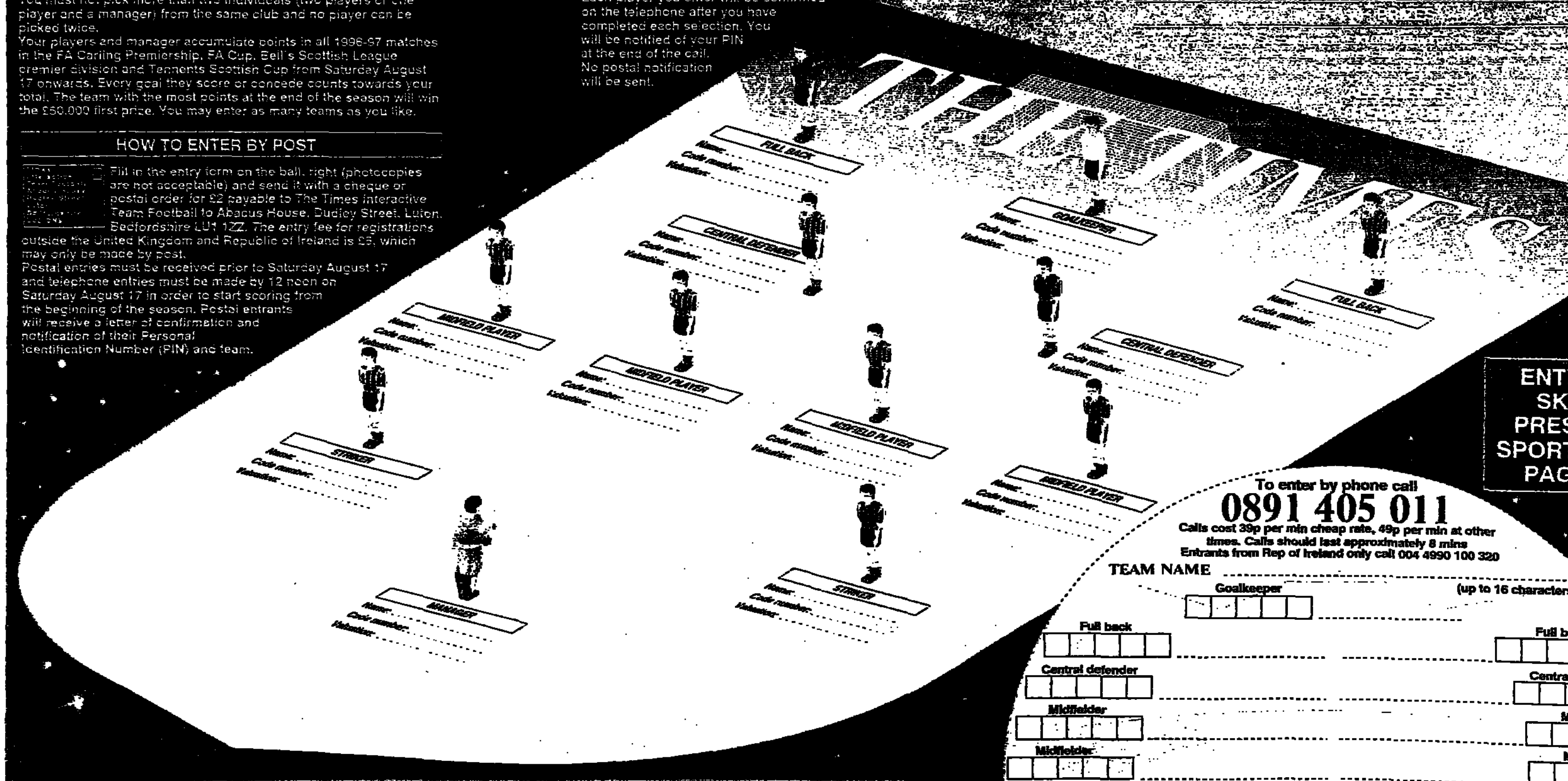
You must have a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) to enter. You cannot enter using a rotary dial or "pulse" telephone. You can enter your team by dialling 0891 405 011 (from the Republic of Ireland you must dial 004 4990 100 320).

Then follow the simple step-by-step instructions. Listen carefully and take your time. The recorded message will ask you to tap in (not speak) the full set of selections (using the five-digit player codes) for each of your chosen players and your manager in the following order: the goalkeeper, the two full backs, the two central defenders, the four midfield players, the two strikers and the manager.

You will then be asked to give the name of your team (no more than 16 characters) and to record your name, address (with postcode) and daytime telephone number. Finally, you will be given a ten-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN). Please be patient. You have plenty of time to make your entry. Use The Times Interactive Team Football form, right, to record your selections and your PIN. Calls cost 39p per minute cheap rate, 49p per minute at other times. Each call will last about eight minutes. Each player you enter will be confirmed on the telephone after you have completed each selection. You will be notified of your PIN at the end of the call. No postal notification will be sent.

HOW TO MAKE A TRANSFER

Interactive Team Football has an active transfer system to allow you to respond to changes in form and fitness and to players moving in and out of the Premiership and Scottish League premier division. You may transfer up to two individuals (player or manager) during a transfer period but you must keep to the team format (ie a full back must be replaced by a full back) and no more than two individuals from the same club and you must keep within the £35 million budget. If a player moves teams during the season and it affects the composition of your team, you must act (ie if you have two Arsenal players and one of your other players moves to Arsenal, you will have three players from the same club and will need to adjust it). You should use the transfer line to correct the situation to avoid missing out on points. Incorrect transfers will be rejected and your team will remain in its previous form. The transfer line number is [illegible] from the Republic of Ireland and outside the United Kingdom it is 44 [illegible]. The line opens [illegible] on Saturday August 17 and from then up to midnight on Monday August 19 you may make two changes. If you wish to make [illegible] changes to your team to be effective for that Saturday's matches, you must make them by 12 noon on Saturday August 17. The transfer week then runs from 00.01 on Tuesday to midnight the following Monday. Transfers made before 12 noon [illegible]



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To enter by phone call
0891 405 011
Calls cost 39p per min cheap rate, 49p per min at other times. Calls should last approximately 8 mins
Entrants from Rep of Ireland only call 004 4990 100 320

TEAM NAME .... (up to 16 characters)

Goalkeeper ☐☐☐☐☐	
Full back ☐☐☐☐☐	Full back ☐☐☐☐☐ ....
Central defender ☐☐☐☐☐	Central defender ☐☐☐☐☐ ....
Midfielder ☐☐☐☐☐	Midfielder ☐☐☐☐☐ ....
Midfielder ☐☐☐☐☐	Midfielder ☐☐☐☐☐ ....
Strikers ☐☐☐☐☐	Strikers ☐☐☐☐☐ ....
Manager ☐☐☐☐☐	PIN ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

Name ....

Address ....

.... **Postcode** .... **Daytime telephone no** ....

Send your entries (with £2 entry fee) entrants outside the UK or Rep of Ireland (£5 sterling) to: The Times Interactive Team Football, Abacus House, Dudley Street, Luton, Bedfordshire LU1 1ZZ

Which age group are you? (TICK BOX)
(1) 15-24 ☐ (2) 25-34 ☐
(3) 35-44 ☐ (4) 45-54 ☐
(5) 55-64 ☐ (6) 65+ ☐

Which daily newspaper(s) do you buy?
(a) regularly ....
(b) occasionally ....

If you do not wish to receive other offers from The Times please tick this box ☐

HOW THE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS

All 1996-97 matches in the FA Carling Premiership, FA Cup, Bell's Scottish League premier division and Tennents Scottish Cup count for points. Penalty shootouts do not count but results decided in this way will count for managers.

POINTS SCORED

Goalkeeper	
Keeps clean sheet†	4pts
Scores goal	3pts
Saves penalty	1pt
Full backs, Central defender	
Keeps clean sheet†	3pts
Scores goal	3pts
Midfield player	
Keeps clean sheet†	1pt
Scores goal	2pts
Striker	
Scores goal	2pts
All players	
Appearance*	1pt
Scores hat-trick	6pts
Manager	
Team wins	3pts
Team draws	1pt

†must have played for 75 minutes in the match
*must have played for 45 minutes in the match

POINTS DEDUCTED

Goalkeeper	
Concedes goal	2pts
Full backs, Central defender	
Concedes goal	1pt
Manager	
Team loses	1pt
All players	
Sent off	3pts
Booked	1pt
Concedes penalty	1pt
Misses penalty	1pt
Scores own goal	1pt

EXAMPLE

Your midfield players scores three goals (3 x 2pts plus 6pt bonus = 12pts), is booked (minus 1pt), misses a penalty (minus 1pt) and plays throughout (1pt, in a 3-0 win (clean sheet = 1pt). He has scored 12 points in that match.

Geoffrey Sims/Paul Bryant

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Study the list of players and their values and pick an ITF team to beat the best

Selecting £10m Shearer should guarantee you score. But will his goals come at a price to the rest of your team?

GOALKEEPERS

Code	Name	Team	Price (£m)
10101	Michael Watt	Aberdeen	1.50
10201	David Seaman	Arsenal	5.00
10202	Vince Bartram	Arsenal	0.75
10203	John Lukic	Arsenal	0.75
10301	Mark Bosnich	Aston Villa	3.50
10302	Michael Oakes	Aston Villa	1.00
10401	Tim Flowers	Blackburn Rovers	3.00
10402	Shay Given	Blackburn Rovers	2.00
10501	Gordon Marshall	Celtic	3.50
10601	Dmitri Kharine	Chelsea	2.50
10602	Kevin Hitchcock	Chelsea	2.00
10701	Steve Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.50
10702	John Filan	Coventry City	0.50
10801	Martin Taylor	Derby County	1.00
10802	Russell Hoult	Derby County	1.00
10803	Steve Sutton	Derby County	0.50
10901	Ally Maxwell	Dundee United	0.50
11001	Ian Westwater	Dunfermline	0.50
11101	Neville Southall	Everton	2.50
11102	Jason Kearton	Everton	0.50
11103	Paul Gerrard	Everton	2.50
11201	Gilles Rousset	Hearts	2.00
11301	Jim Leighton	Hibernian	1.50
11401	Dragoje Lekovic	Kilmarnock	1.00
11501	Mark Beeney	Leeds United	1.50
11502	Paul Evans	Leeds United	0.25
11503	Nigel Martyn	Leeds United	2.50
11601	Kevin Poole	Leicester City	1.00
11602	Zeljko Kalac	Leicester City	0.50
11701	David James	Liverpool	5.00
11702	Tony Warner	Liverpool	0.50
11801	Peter Schmeichel	Manchester United	5.00
11802	Raimond van der Gouw	Manchester United	1.00
11901	Gary Walsh	Middlesbrough	1.50
11902	Alan Miller	Middlesbrough	1.50
12001	Scott Howie	Motherwell	1.50
12101	Shaka Hislop	Newcastle United	4.00
12102	Pavel Srnicek	Newcastle United	3.00
12201	Mark Crossley	Nottingham Forest	2.50
12202	Alan Fettis	Nottingham Forest	0.75
12203	Tommy Wright	Nottingham Forest	0.75
12301	Scott Y Thomson	Raith Rovers	0.50
12401	Andy Goram	Rangers	5.00
12501	Kevin Pressman	Sheffield Wed	2.00
12601	Dave Beasant	Southampton	1.00
12602	Neil Moss	Southampton	0.25
11803	Tony Coton	Sunderland	1.00
12801	Ian Walker	Tottenham Hotspur	3.50
12901	Ludek Miklosko	West Ham United	2.00
12902	Steve Mautone	West Ham United	0.50
13001	Neil Sullivan	Wimbledon	1.00
13002	Paul Heald	Wimbledon	1.00

FULL BACKS

Code	Name	Team	Price (£m)
20101	Stewart McKimmie	Aberdeen	2.00
20102	Gary Smith	Aberdeen	1.50
20201	Lee Dixon	Arsenal	3.00
20202	Nigel Winterburn	Arsenal	3.00
20203	Steve Morrow	Arsenal	1.00
20301	Steve Staunton	Aston Villa	3.00
20302	Alan Wright	Aston Villa	3.00
20303	Gary Charles	Aston Villa	2.50
20304	Phil King	Aston Villa	0.25
20305	Fernando Nelson	Aston Villa	3.00
20401	Henning Berg	Blackburn Rovers	3.00
20402	Graeme Le Saux	Blackburn Rovers	3.00
20403	Jeff Kenna	Blackburn Rovers	3.00
20404	Gary Croft	Blackburn Rovers	1.50
20501	Jackie McNamara	Celtic	3.00
20502	Tosh McKinlay	Celtic	3.00
20601	Dan Petrescu	Chelsea	3.00
20602	Steve Clarke	Chelsea	2.00
20603	Terry Phelan	Chelsea	2.00
20604	Scott Minto	Chelsea	1.00
20605	Anthony Barness	Chelsea	0.50
20701	David Burrows	Coventry City	1.50
20703	Brian Borrows	Coventry City	1.00
20704	Marcus Hall	Coventry City	1.00
20801	Chris Powell	Derby County	1.50
20802	Dean Yates	Derby County	1.00
20803	Jason Kavanagh	Derby County	0.25
20901	Maurice Malpas	Dundee United	1.00
20902	Mark Perry	Dundee United	0.50
21001	Colin Miller	Dunfermline	0.25
21002	Andy Tod	Dunfermline	0.25
21101	Marc Hottiger	Everton	2.50
21102	Andy Hinchcliffe	Everton	2.00
21103	Earl Barrett	Everton	1.50
21104	Matt Jackson	Everton	1.00
21201	Gary Locke	Hearts	2.00
21202	Neil Pointon	Hearts	1.00
21301	Willie Miller	Hibernian	1.00
21302	Andy Dow	Hibernian	1.00
21401	Tom Black	Kilmarnock	0.75
21402	Gus MacPherson	Kilmarnock	0.50
21501	Gary Kelly	Leeds United	3.00
21502	Tony Dorigo	Leeds United	2.50
21503	Paul Beesley	Leeds United	0.50
21601	Mike Whitlow	Leicester City	0.50
21602	Simon Grayson	Leicester City	0.50
21603	Neil Lewis	Leicester City	0.50
21604	Frank Rolling	Leicester City	0.25
21701	Rob Jones	Liverpool	3.00
21702	Steve Harkness	Liverpool	1.50
21703	Stig Inge Bjornebye	Liverpool	0.50
21704	Phil Charnock	Liverpool	0.25
21801	Denis Irwin	Manchester United	4.00
21802	Gary Neville	Manchester United	3.00
21803	Phil Neville	Manchester United	3.00
21901	Neil Cox	Middlesbrough	2.50
21902	Branco	Middlesbrough	1.50
21903	Chris Morris	Middlesbrough	1.50
21904	Curtis Fleming	Middlesbrough	0.75
21905	Clayton Blackmore	Middlesbrough	0.25
22001	Rob McKinnon	Motherwell	1.00
22002	Stephen McMillan	Motherwell	0.50
22101	Warren Barton	Newcastle United	3.00
22102	Steve Watson	Newcastle United	3.00
22103	Robbie Elliott	Newcastle United	2.50
22104	John Beresford	Newcastle United	2.50
22201	Stuart Pearce	Nottingham Forest	4.00
22202	Des Lyttle	Nottingham Forest	2.00
22203	Alf Inge Haaland	Nottingham Forest	1.00
22204	Nikola Jerkan	Nottingham Forest	2.00
22301	Paul Bonar	Raith Rovers	0.75
22302	Davie Kirkwood	Raith Rovers	0.50
22401	David Robertson	Rangers	2.50
22402	John Brown	Rangers	2.00
22501	Ian Nolan	Sheffield Wed	1.50
22502	Peter Atherton	Sheffield Wed	1.50
22503	Steve Nicol	Sheffield Wed	1.00
22504	Dejan Stefanovic	Sheffield Wed	1.00
22505	Lee Briscoe	Sheffield Wed	0.50
22601	Jason Dodd	Southampton	1.50
22602	Francis Benali	Southampton	0.75
22603	Simon Charlton	Southampton	0.75
22701	Dariusz Kubicki	Sunderland	0.50
22702	Martin Scott	Sunderland	0.50
22703	Gareth Hall	Sunderland	0.25
22801	Dean Austin	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00
22802	Clive Wilson	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00
22803	Justin Edinburgh	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00
22804	David Kerslake	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50
22901	Julian Dicks	West Ham United	4.00
22902	Tim Breacker	West Ham United	1.00
22903	Keith Rowland	West Ham United	1.00
22904	Mark Bowen	West Ham United	1.00
22905	Kenny Brown	West Ham United	0.50
23001	Ben Thatcher	Wimbledon	1.50
23002	Alan Kimble	Wimbledon	0.75
23003	Ken Cunningham	Wimbledon	0.75
23004	Duncan Jupp	Wimbledon	0.75
23005	Gary Elkins	Wimbledon	0.25

CENTRAL DEFENDERS

Code	Name	Team	Price (£m)
30101	Brian Irvine	Aberdeen	2.00
30102	Colin Woodthorpe	Aberdeen	1.50
30201	Tony Adams	Arsenal	4.00
30202	Steve Bould	Arsenal	3.00
30203	Martin Keown	Arsenal	3.00
30204	Andy Linighan	Arsenal	1.00
30205	Scott Marshall	Arsenal	1.00
30301	Gareth Southgate	Aston Villa	3.50
30302	Ugo Ehiogu	Aston Villa	3.00
30303	Paul McGrath	Aston Villa	2.50
30304	Carl Tiler	Aston Villa	1.00
30305	Ricardo Scimeca	Aston Villa	1.00
30401	Colin Hendry	Blackburn Rovers	4.00
30402	Ian Pearce	Blackburn Rovers	2.50
30403	Chris Coleman	Blackburn Rovers	2.50
30404	Nicky Marker	Blackburn Rovers	0.50
30501	Tommy Boyd	Celtic	3.00
30502	Malky MacKay	Celtic	1.50
30601	Michael Duberry	Chelsea	2.50
30602	Franck LeBoeuf	Chelsea	2.50
30603	Frank Sinclair	Chelsea	2.00
30604	David Lee	Chelsea	2.00
30605	Andy Myers	Chelsea	1.50
30606	Erland Johnsen	Chelsea	1.50
30607	Jakob Kjeldbjerg	Chelsea	0.50
30701	Liam Daish	Coventry City	2.00
30702	Richard Shaw	Coventry City	1.50
30703	David Busst	Coventry City	1.00
30801	Igor Stimac	Derby County	2.50
30802	Darren Wassall	Derby County	1.00
30803	Jacob Laursen	Derby County	1.00
30804	Matthew Carbon	Derby County	0.50
30901	Steven Pressley	Dundee United	1.00
30902	Brian Welsh	Dundee United	0.75
31001	Marc Millar	Dunfermline	0.75
31002	Ivo den Bieman	Dunfermline	0.75
31101	David Unsworth	Everton	2.50
31102	Dave Watson	Everton	2.50
31103	Craig Short	Everton	2.00
31201	Dave McPherson	Hearts	1.00
31202	Paul Ritchie	Hearts	1.00
31301	Joe McLaughlin	Hibernian	0.50
31302	Gordon Hunter	Hibernian	0.50
31401	Mark Reilly	Kilmarnock	1.00
31402	Ray Montgomerie	Kilmarnock	0.75
31501	David Wetherall	Leeds United	2.50
31502	Richard Jobson	Leeds United	1.00
31503	Lucas Radebe	Leeds United	1.00
31504	John Pemberton	Leeds United	0.50
31601	Steve Walsh	Leicester City	1.00
31602	Julian Watts	Leicester City	1.00
31603	Pontus Kamaark	Leicester City	0.50
31701	Phil Babb	Liverpool	3.50
31702	John Scales	Liverpool	3.50
31703	Mark Wright	Liverpool	3.50
31704	Neil Ruddock	Liverpool	3.00
31705	Dominic Matteo	Liverpool	1.00
31801	Gary Pallister	Manchester United	3.50
31802	David May	Manchester United	3.00
31803	Ronnie Johnsen	Manchester United	2.50
31901	Nigel Pearson	Middlesbrough	1.50
31902	Steve Vickers	Middlesbrough	1.50
31903	Derek Whyte	Middlesbrough	1.50
31904	Phil Whelan	Middlesbrough	0.75
32001	Brian Martin	Motherwell	1.50
32002	Michel van der Gaag	Motherwell	0.75
32101	Philippe Albert	Newcastle United	4.50
32102	Steve Howey	Newcastle United	3.00
32103	Darren Peacock	Newcastle United	3.00
32201	Colin Cooper	Nottingham Forest	3.00
32202	Steve Chettle	Nottingham Forest	2.50
32302	Shaun Dennis	Raith Rovers	1.00
32401	Richard Gough	Rangers	3.50
32402	Alan McLaren	Rangers	3.00
32501	Jon Newsome	Sheffield Wed	2.00
32502	Des Walker	Sheffield Wed	1.50
32503	Brian Linighan	Sheffield Wed	0.25
32601	Ken Monkou	Southampton	1.50
32602	Alan Neilson	Southampton	1.00
32701	Andrew Melville	Sunderland	1.00
32702	Kevin Ball	Sunderland	1.00
32703	Richard Ord	Sunderland	0.50
32801	Sol Campbell	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50
32802	Colin Calderwood	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50
32803	Gary Mabbutt	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00
32804	Jason Cundy	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50
32805	Kevin Scott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50
32806	Stuart Nethercott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50
32901	Slaven Bilic	West Ham United	2.50
32902	Marc Rieper	West Ham United	2.50
32903	Steve Potts	West Ham United	2.00
32904	Richard Hall	West Ham United	1.50
32905	Rio Ferdinand	West Ham United	0.50
32906	Adrian Whitbread	West Ham United	0.25
33001	Alan Reeves	Wimbledon	1.00
33002	Andy Thorn	Wimbledon	0.75
33003	Andy Pearce	Wimbledon	0.75
33004	Dean Blackwell	Wimbledon	0.50
33005	Brian McAllister	Wimbledon	0.50
33006	Scott Fitzgerald	Wimbledon	0.25

MIDFIELD PLAYERS

Code	Name	Team	Price (£m)
40101	Dean Windass	Aberdeen	3.00
40102	Stephen Glass	Aberdeen	3.00
40103	Paul Bernard	Aberdeen	2.50
40104	Ilian Kiriakov	Aberdeen	2.50
40201	David Platt	Arsenal	4.50
40202	Paul Merson	Arsenal	4.00
40203	Ray Parlour	Arsenal	2.00
40204	Glenn Helder	Arsenal	1.50
40205	Ian Selley	Arsenal	0.50
40206	David Hillier	Arsenal	0.50
40207	Eddie McGoldrick	Arsenal	0.50
40301	Mark Draper	Aston Villa	4.00
40302	Andy Townsend	Aston Villa	2.50
40303	Ian Taylor	Aston Villa	2.50
40304	Gareth Farrelly	Aston Villa	1.00
40305	Franz Carr	Aston Villa	0.50
40401	Jason Wilcox	Blackburn Rovers	4.00
40402	Lars Bohinen	Blackburn Rovers	3.50
40403	Garry Flitcroft	Blackburn Rovers	2.50
40404	Billy McKinlay	Blackburn Rovers	2.50
40405	Tim Sherwood	Blackburn Rovers	2.50
40406	Paul Warhurst	Blackburn Rovers	1.50
40407	George Donis	Blackburn Rovers	1.50
40408	Stuart Ripley	Blackburn Rovers	1.00
40409	Matt Holmes	Blackburn Rovers	0.75
40501	Paul McStay	Celtic	3.00
40503	Simon Donnelly	Celtic	2.50
40504	Peter Grant	Celtic	1.50
40601	Ruud Gullit	Chelsea	3.50
40602	Dennis Wise	Chelsea	3.00
40603	Gavin Peacock	Chelsea	2.50
40604	Craig Burley	Chelsea	2.00
40605	Eddie Newton	Chelsea	2.00
40607	David Rocastle	Chelsea	0.50
40608	Roberto di Matteo	Chelsea	3.00
41501	Gary McAllister	Coventry City	5.50
40701	John Salako	Coventry City	2.50
40702	Eoin Jess	Coventry City	2.00
40703	Kevin Richardson	Coventry City	1.50
40704	Paul Telfer	Coventry City	1.50
40705	Paul Williams	Coventry City	1.50
40706	Isaias	Coventry City	0.50
40707	Willie Boland	Coventry City	0.25
40708	Michael O'Neill	Coventry City	1.50
40801	Aljosa Asanovic	Derby County	2.00
40802	Paul Simpson	Derby County	1.50
40803	Robin van der Laan	Derby County	1.50
40804	Darryl Powell	Derby County	1.00
40805	Sean Flynn	Derby County	0.75
40806	David Preece	Derby County	0.50
40807	Gary Rowett	Derby County	0.50
40808	Paul Trollope	Derby County	0.50
40809	Christian Dailly	Derby County	1.50
40901	Gary McSwegan	Dundee United	2.00
40902	Robbie Winters	Dundee United	1.50
40903	Grant Johnson	Dundee United	1.00
40904	David Bowman	Dundee United	0.75
41001	Hamish French	Dunfermline	1.00
41002	Craig Robertson	Dunfermline	1.00
41003	Andy Smith	Dunfermline	0.75
41004	Derek Fleming	Dunfermline	0.50
41101	Andrei Kanchelskis	Everton	7.00
41102	Gary Speed	Everton	4.00
41103	John Ebbrell	Everton	1.50
41104	Joe Parkinson	Everton	1.50
41105	Anders Limpar	Everton	1.50
41106	Tony Grant	Everton	0.50
41107	Vinnie Samways	Everton	0.50
41201	Alan Johnston	Hearts	2.50
41202	Allan McManus	Hearts	1.50
41203	Steve Fulton	Hearts	1.00
41204	Neil Berry	Hearts	0.50
41301	Kevin McAllister	Hibernian	1.50
41302	Pat McGinlay	Hibernian	1.50
41303	Graeme Love	Hibernian	0.75
41304	Andy Millen	Hibernian	0.50
41401	Ally Mitchell	Kilmarnock	1.00
41402	Jim McIntyre	Kilmarnock	1.00
41403	Mark Skilling	Kilmarnock	0.75
41404	Jim Lauchlan	Kilmarnock	0.50
41502	Lee Bowyer	Leeds United	3.00
41503	Andy Gray	Leeds United	2.50
41504	Carlton Palmer	Leeds United	2.00
41505	Rod Wallace	Leeds United	1.50
41506	Ian Harte	Leeds United	1.00
41507	Mark Ford	Leeds United	0.50
41508	Andy Couzens	Leeds United	0.50
41509	Mark Tinkler	Leeds United	0.50
40606	Muzzy Izzet	Leicester City	1.00
41601	Neil Lennon	Leicester City	2.00
41602	Garry Parker	Leicester City	2.00
41603	Scott Taylor	Leicester City	2.00
41604	Jamie Lawrence	Leicester City	0.25
41701	Steve McManaman	Liverpool	7.00
41702	Jason McAteer	Liverpool	4.00
41703	Jamie Redknapp	Liverpool	4.00
41704	John Barnes	Liverpool	3.00
41705	Mark Thomas	Liverpool	2.50
41706	Mark Kennedy	Liverpool	1.00
41801	Ryan Giggs	Manchester United	7.00
41802	Roy Keane	Manchester United	4.50
41803	David Beckham	Manchester United	4.00
41804	Nicky Butt	Manchester United	3.50
41805	Lee Sharpe	Manchester United	3.50
41806	Brian McClair	Manchester United	1.50
41807	Terry Cooke	Manchester United	1.00
41808	Ben Thornley	Manchester United	1.00
41809	Simon Davies	Manchester United	0.50
41810	Jordi Cruyff	Manchester United	2.50
41811	Karel Poborsky	Manchester United	4.00
41901	Emerson	Middlesbrough	3.50
41902	Juninho	Middlesbrough	3.50
41903	Craig Hignett	Middlesbrough	2.00
41904	Jamie Pollock	Middlesbrough	2.00
41905	Alan Moore	Middlesbrough	1.00
41906	Robbie Mustoe	Middlesbrough	1.00
41907	Graham Kavanagh	Middlesbrough	0.50
41908	Craig Liddle	Middlesbrough	0.50
41909	Bryan Robson	Middlesbrough	0.50
41910	Phil Stamp	Middlesbrough	0.50
42001	Chris McCart	Motherwell	2.00
42002	John Philliben	Motherwell	1.00
42003	Jimmy Dolan	Motherwell	1.00
42004	John Hendry	Motherwell	0.75
42101	David Ginola	Newcastle United	5.50
42102	Robert Lee	Newcastle United	5.50
42103	Keith Gillespie	Newcastle United	4.50
42104	David Batty	Newcastle United	3.00
42105	Lee Clark	Newcastle United	3.00
42106	Chris Holland	Newcastle United	0.50
42201	Ian Woan	Nottingham Forest	4.50
42202	Steve Stone	Nottingham Forest	4.00
42203	Scot Gemmill	Nottingham Forest	2.50
42204	Chris Bart-Williams	Nottingham Forest	2.00
42205	David Phillips	Nottingham Forest	1.00
42301	Tony Rougier	Raith Rovers	2.00
42302	Danny Lennon	Raith Rovers	1.00
42303	Jim McInally	Raith Rovers	0.75
42304	Scott Thomson	Raith Rovers	0.50
42401	Paul Gascoigne	Rangers	7.00
42402	Brian Laudrup	Rangers	5.00
42403	Stuart McCall	Rangers	2.00
42404	Trevor Steven	Rangers	1.50
42501	Regi Blinker	Sheffield Wed	2.50
42502	Mark Pembridge	Sheffield Wed	1.50
42503	John Sheridan	Sheffield Wed	1.50
42504	Graham Hyde	Sheffield Wed	1.50
42505	Chris Waddle	Sheffield Wed	1.50
42506	Michael Williams	Sheffield Wed	0.50
42507	Ryan Jones	Sheffield Wed	0.50
42601	Jim Magilton	Southampton	2.50
42602	Neil Heaney	Southampton	1.00
42604	Barry Venison	Southampton	1.00
42606	David Hughes	Southampton	0.50
42607	Matthew Oakley	Southampton	0.50
42608	Paul Tisdale	Southampton	0.50
42609	Matt Robinson	Southampton	0.25
42610	Graham Potter	Southampton	0.50
42702	Steve Agnew	Sunderland	1.50
42703	Alex Rae	Sunderland	1.50
42704	Paul Bracewell	Sunderland	0.75
42801	Darren Anderton	Tottenham Hotspur	5.50
42802	Ruel Fox	Tottenham Hotspur	4.00
42803	David Howells	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00
42804	Jason Dozzell	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00
42805	Andy Sinton	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50
42806	Ronnie Rosenthal	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50
42807	Gerry McMahon	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50
42808	Andy Turner	Tottenham Hotspur	0.25
42809	Allan Nielsen	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50
42901	Paolo Futre	West Ham United	3.50
42902	Ian Bishop	West Ham United	2.00
42903	Michael Hughes	West Ham United	2.00
42904	Danny Williamson	West Ham United	1.50
42905	John Moncur	West Ham United	1.50
42906	Robbie Slater	West Ham United	1.00
42907	Stan Lazarides	West Ham United	0.25
43001	Robbie Earle	Wimbledon	4.00
43002	Oyvind Leonhardsen	Wimbledon	2.50
43003	Marcus Gayle	Wimbledon	2.00
43004	Vinnie Jones	Wimbledon	1.50
43005	Neil Ardley	Wimbledon	0.50
43006	Stewart Castledine	Wimbledon	0.50
43007	Paul Fear	Wimbledon	0.25

STRIKERS

Code	Name	Team	Price (£m)
50101	Scott Booth	Aberdeen	4.50
50102	Duncan Shearer	Aberdeen	3.00
50201	Ian Wright	Arsenal	7.00
50202	Dennis Bergkamp	Arsenal	7.00
50203	John Hartson	Arsenal	3.50
50204	Paul Dickov	Arsenal	0.75
50205	Chris Kiwomya	Arsenal	0.50
50301	Dwight Yorke	Aston Villa	7.50
50302	Savo Milosevic	Aston Villa	5.00
50303	Tommy Johnson	Aston Villa	4.00
50304	Julian Joachim	Aston Villa	2.00
50402	Kevin Gallacher	Blackburn Rovers	3.00
50404	Chris Sutton	Blackburn Rovers	2.50
50405	Graham Fenton	Blackburn Rovers	2.50
50406	Niklas Gudmundsson	Blackburn Rovers	1.00
50501	Pierre van Hooijdonk	Celtic	7.00
50502	Jorge Cadete	Celtic	6.00
50601	Gianluca Vialli	Chelsea	5.00
50602	Mark Hughes	Chelsea	4.00
50603	John Spencer	Chelsea	4.00
50605	Mark Stein	Chelsea	0.50
50701	Noel Whelan	Coventry City	6.00
50702	Dion Dublin	Coventry City	5.00
50703	Peter Ndlovu	Coventry City	3.00
50801	Dean Sturridge	Derby County	3.00
50802	Marco Gabbiadini	Derby County	2.00
50803	Ashley Ward	Derby County	2.00
50804	Ron Willems	Derby County	1.00
50901	Craig Brewster	Dundee United	3.00
50902	Owen Coyle	Dundee United	2.00
51001	Alan Moore	Dunfermline	2.00
51002	Stewart Petrie	Dunfermline	2.00
51101	Duncan Ferguson	Everton	6.00
51102	Graham Stuart	Everton	3.00
51104	Paul Rideout	Everton	2.00
51201	John Robertson	Hearts	3.50
51202	Colin Cameron	Hearts	3.50
51301	Keith Wright	Hibernian	3.00
51302	Darren Jackson	Hibernian	3.00
51401	Paul Wright	Kilmarnock	3.00
51402	Steve Maskrey	Kilmarnock	2.50
51501	Tony Yeboah	Leeds United	7.00
51502	Ian Rush	Leeds United	3.50
51503	Tomas Brolin	Leeds United	2.50
51504	Brian Deane	Leeds United	2.00
51601	Steve Claridge	Leicester City	2.50
51602	Emile Heskey	Leicester City	2.00
51603	Mark Robins	Leicester City	0.75
51701	Robbie Fowler	Liverpool	9.00
51702	Stan Collymore	Liverpool	8.00
51801	Eric Cantona	Manchester United	8.50
51802	Paul Scholes	Manchester United	5.00
51803	Andy Cole	Manchester United	4.50
51804	Ole Gunnar Solskjaer	Manchester United	3.00
51901	Nicky Barmby	Middlesbrough	4.00
51902	Jan Aage Fjortoft	Middlesbrough	2.50
51903	John Hendrie	Middlesbrough	0.75
51904	Jaime Moreno	Middlesbrough	0.50
51905	Fabrizio Ravanelli	Middlesbrough	5.00
52001	Tommy Coyne	Motherwell	2.00
52002	Doug Arnott	Motherwell	1.50
50401	Alan Shearer	Newcastle United	10.00
52101	Les Ferdinand	Newcastle United	8.50
52102	Faustino Asprilla	Newcastle United	6.50
52103	Peter Beardsley	Newcastle United	5.00
52104	Paul Kitson	Newcastle United	1.50
52105	Darren Huckerby	Newcastle United	0.50
52201	Dean Saunders	Nottingham Forest	3.50
52202	Bryan Roy	Nottingham Forest	3.00
52203	Paul McGregor	Nottingham Forest	1.50
52204	Kevin Campbell	Nottingham Forest	1.50
52205	Jason Lee	Nottingham Forest	1.50
52206	Steven Howe	Nottingham Forest	0.50
52207	Andrea Silenzi	Nottingham Forest	0.50
52301	Peter Duffield	Raith Rovers	2.00
52401	Gordon Durie	Rangers	6.00
52402	Erik Bo Andersen	Rangers	5.00
52403	Ally McCoist	Rangers	5.00
52501	David Hirst	Sheffield Wed	3.00
52502	Andy Booth	Sheffield Wed	2.50
52503	Mark Bright	Sheffield Wed	1.50
52504	Guy Whittingham	Sheffield Wed	1.50
52505	O'Neill Donaldson	Sheffield Wed	0.50
52601	Matthew Le Tissier	Southampton	7.00
52602	Neil Shipperley	Southampton	3.50
52603	Gordon Watson	Southampton	1.50
52604	Frankie Bennett	Southampton	0.25
52701	Paul Stewart	Sunderland	1.00
52702	Craig Russell	Sunderland	1.00
52703	David Kelly	Sunderland	1.00
52704	Lee Howey	Sunderland	0.50
52705	Michael Bridges	Sunderland	0.50
52706	Brett Angell	Sunderland	0.25
52707	Phil Gray	Sunderland	1.50
52801	Teddy Sheringham	Tottenham Hotspur	8.00
52802	Chris Armstrong	Tottenham Hotspur	7.00
52901	Florin Raducioiu	West Ham United	3.00
52902	Ilie Dumitrescu	West Ham United	2.50
52903	Iain Dowie	West Ham United	2.00
52904	Tony Cottee	West Ham United	2.00
52905	Steve Jones	West Ham United	1.50
53001	Dean Holdsworth	Wimbledon	3.00
53002	Efan Ekoku	Wimbledon	3.00
53003	John Goodman	Wimbledon	1.50
53004	Jason Euell	Wimbledon	0.75
53005	Andy Clarke	Wimbledon	0.75
53006	Mick Harford	Wimbledon	0.50
53007	Gary Blissett	Wimbledon	0.50

MANAGERS

Code	Name	Team	Price (£m)
60101	Roy Aitken	Aberdeen	2.50
60201	Bruce Rioch	Arsenal	3.50
60301	Brian Little	Aston Villa	3.50
60401	Ray Harford	Blackburn Rovers	3.00
60501	Tommy Burns	Celtic	4.00
60601	Ruud Gullit	Chelsea	2.50
60701	Ron Atkinson	Coventry City	1.50
60801	Jim Smith	Derby County	0.75
60901	Billy Kirkwood	Dundee United	0.50
61001	Bert Paton	Dunfermline	0.50
61101	Joe Royle	Everton	3.00
61201	Jim Jefferies	Hearts	2.00
61301	Alex Miller	Hibernian	1.00
61401	Alex Totten	Kilmarnock	0.75
61501	Howard Wilkinson	Leeds United	2.00
61601	Martin O'Neill	Leicester City	0.50
61701	Roy Evans	Liverpool	4.50
61801	Alex Ferguson	Manchester United	5.00
61901	Bryan Robson	Middlesbrough	2.00
62001	Alec McLeish	Motherwell	1.50
62101	Kevin Keegan	Newcastle United	4.50
62201	Frank Clark	Nottingham Forest	2.50
62301	Jimmy Thomson	Raith Rovers	0.50
62401	Walter Smith	Rangers	5.00
62501	David Pleat	Sheffield Wed	1.50
62601	Graeme Souness	Southampton	0.50
62701	Peter Reid	Sunderland	0.50
62801	Gerry Francis	Tottenham Hotspur	3.00
62901	Harry Redknapp	West Ham United	2.00
63001	Joe Kinnea	Wimbledon	1.00

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NEWS

Doctor warns of octuplet danger

■ The consultant treating Mandy Allwood called for her to be left in peace, for fear that excessive public interest could harm her and her eight unborn babies.

Miss Allwood, who is 14 weeks pregnant, has been advised that she could earn up to £1 million if all eight survived and she has signed a contract with *The News of the World*, but Professor Kypros Nicolaides urged the newspaper to withdraw *from the deal* .... **Pages 1, 6**

The European monsoon swamps Kent

■ Europe's August monsoon showed no sign of relenting. A traveller *returning from* a *soaking few days* in Italy, Switzerland or Spain would have been greeted on his return across the Channel with the sight of flooded streets in Kent. Firefighters had to use boats to rescue people .... **Page 1**

Wall Street cramp

The New York Stock Exchange is considering a move from its headquarters on Manhattan's Wall *Street because it is running out of* space .... **Page 1**

Serbs guard general

Bosnian Serbs refused to allow *Nato forces access to a heavy* weapons site in what is thought to be an attempt to prevent the arrest of General Ratko Mladic, the army commander .... **Page 1**

Marrying in haste

Couples will soon be able to marry in register offices *in under four minutes*. The 49-word vows at the legal heart of civil marriages have been cut to 30.............. **Page 1**

Howard in the van

Michael Howard is preparing to introduce four substantial Bills in the autumn in a move that looks certain to enhance his stature on the Right.............. **Page 2**

Thinking small

Some performers dream of making it big on the Edinburgh Fringe. This year two performers *claiming to have the smallest* shows on earth have been booked into the same venue .... **Page 3**

Easier A-levels

Top A-level grades are easier to obtain in some subjects than they were 20 years ago, according to preliminary findings of a study by leading independent schools .... **Page 5**

Ghostly gladiators

Wind through the trees which surround the amphitheatre at Silchester whispers like an invisi*ble crowd waiting for the gladia*tors: another instalment of Roman Britain .... **Page 7**

Alpaca farming hope

Alpacas, smaller cousins of the camel and the llama, have joined ostriches as the latest exotic livestock to tempt British farmers with a promise of profit.... **Page 8**

Heart of Scotland

The embalmed heart of Robert the Bruce is to be dug up by archaeologists, — more than 650 years after it was laid to rest at Melrose Abbey .... **Page 9**

Quotas for sale

British fishermen are still being encouraged to sell licences — worth up to £40,000 — to companies working as "fronts" for Spanish and Dutch trawlers that *want to buy into the annual Brit*ish quota .... **Page 10**

Lebed's gamble

Aleksandr Lebed, the Russian *security chief, staked his political* reputation on ending the civil war in Chechenia when he announced a new ceasefire .... **Page 12**

Boost for Dole

The Republican party convention opened with another boost for Bob Dole when Pat Buchanan abandoned his threat to form a breakaway party.............. **Page 13**

Primary colours in Dali's bedroom

■ *The shrill-blue bedroom in Púbol Castle*, near Gerona, *in* which Salvador Dali was nearly burnt to a crisp as he lay asleep 12 years ago, has been restored to its former freakish glory and is open to the public. In one corner there is a bright *red fire-extinguisher. The painter with the curling moustache* left the castle after his brush with death .... **Page 11**

One of the winners of Britain's only Olympic gold, Steven Redgrave, is greeted by his daughters Sophie and Natalie at Gatwick yesterday

DAN CHUNG

BUSINESS

Lloyd's: A last-ditch assault by rebel names threatens to send an "exocet missile" through the insurance market, according to a High Court judge, who granted the dissidents more time in which to prepare a legal challenge .... **Page 25**

Economy: *The Treasury hailed the* latest fall in the prices of goods leaving British factory gates as the best figures since 1967 and said that they justified the Chancellor's optimism about inflation.......... **Page 25**

Lonrho: The group unveiled plans for a £700 million flotation of Princess Metropole Hotels....... **Page 25**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 fell 7.4 to 3,803.3. Sterling was unchanged at 84.6 after rising .22 cents to $1.5518 and falling .11 pfennigs to DM2.2897.............. **Page 28**

SPORT

Football: Arsenal have parted company with their manager of a year, Bruce Rioch, five days before the start of the new Premiership season **Page48**

Cricket: Despite capturing two early wickets on the final day, England *were unable to put Pakistan under* serious pressure in the drawn Headingley Test......... **Pages 44, 48**

Racing: Derby-winning jockey Walter Swinburn, seriously injured in a fall in Hong Kong six months ago, made a winning return at Windsor.............. **Page 43**

Motor racing: Jacques Villeneuve admits the odds are against him in his attempt to prevent his teammate Damon Hill from winning the Formula One drivers' championship .... **Page 42**

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Festival art: *A superb and inspirational collection of Velázquez's ear*ly works provides Edinburgh with an artistic centrepiece........ **Page 33**

Jazz fest: Illinois Jacquet and Joshua Redman are among the stars who brought jazz fans to their feet at this weekend's Brecon Jazz Festival .... **Page 34**

French collection: Despite a reduction in purchase grants the British Museum plays host to an impressive collection of 19th-century French works from Delacroix to Cézanne .... **Page 35**

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Cross-country dash: How do you get to weddings in Sussex and Scotland on the same day? Jonathan Prynn says it takes split-second timing .... **Page 15**

Addictions, Day Two: Our series explores the irresistible allure of shoes and the need to live out sexual fantasies and asks is addiction in our genes?.............. **Page 14**

Glorious achievement: As the guns blaze on the grouse moors, Der*went May reports on the efforts of* the Game Conservancy Trust to help our wildlife.............. **Page 20**

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Surfing in court: The legal system is slowly getting to grips with computers, the Internet and e-mail to speed up its work.............. **Page 37**

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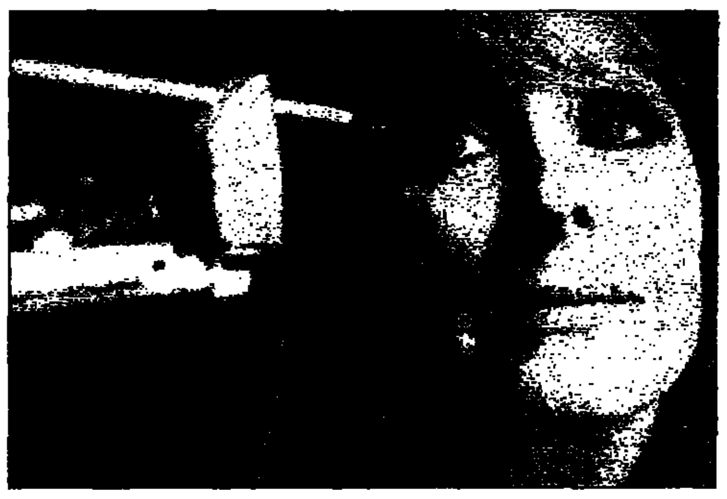
Making the grade: On Thursday students will know their A-level results. *The Times* offers advice on university courses .... **Page 40**

THE PAPERS

Mr Dole plays fiscal daring, Mr. Clinton, a tempered conservatism. How true it is that politics at times is a game where the left is only concerned with governing to the right. And vice versa — *Le Figaro*



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In our new technology supplement: how computer experts are helping the disabled

■ STYLE
Cool to be a dad: why fashion-conscious men *are happy to be seen* with baby in tow

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The knowledge of new life's preciousness has spurred scientists to make it available to all. That knowledge should also guide society in ensuring the care that creation deserves .... **Page 17**

Terrorists and Turks

It is dangerous for Turkey's Western allies to dictate who its friends should be or interfere in its rediscovery of its Islamic heritage. Those are decisions for the ballot box .... **Page 17**

Songs with pasts

To lift hearts and to last, an anthem must evoke history, community and land without being too exact about any of them. Once an anthem has found this elusive mixture, leave it alone.............. **Page 17**

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I honestly believe that obscuring the night sky from the majority of people in Britain will have — is having — a negative, depressing, dangerous effect .... **Page 16**

ANATOLE KALETSKY

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MICHAEL PORTILLO

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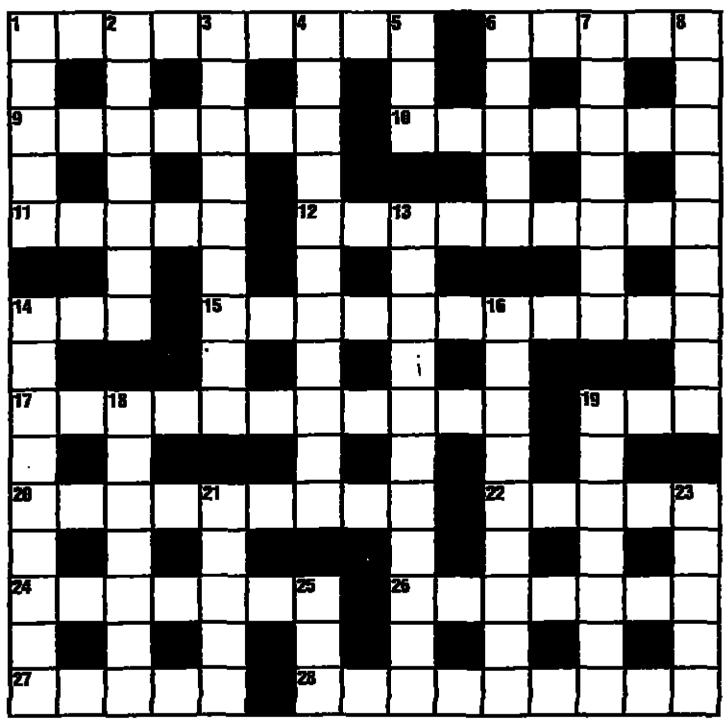

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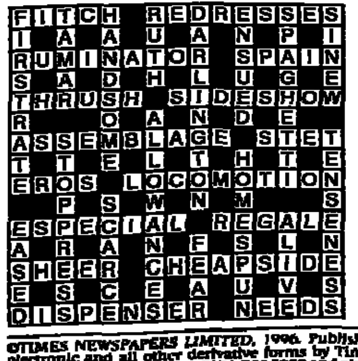

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 5.43 am	Sun sets: 8.27 pm
Moon sets 9.40 pm	Moon rises 4.59 am

New Moon tomorrow

London 8.27 pm to 5.45 am
Bristol 8.36 pm to 5.55 am
Edinburgh 8.54 pm to 5.42 am
Manchester 8.41 pm to 5.47 am
Penzance 8.44 pm to 6.10 am

FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales mainly dry with sunny intervals, but eastern England rather cloudy with rain or showers possible. Rather cool in the east.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mainly dry but rather cloudy, although it should become brighter later. Southeast Scotland will have some patchy drizzle, as will north and west Scotland and Northern Ireland. Temperatures mostly near normal.

☐ ***London, SE, E England, E Anglia:*** Rather cloudy, showery outbreaks of rain at times. Wind fresh occasionally strong northwesterly. Rather cool, Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Cent S, Cent N England, E Midlands:** Cloudy for a time, sunny spells developing. Isolated showers in the afternoon. Wind northwesterly, moderate occasionally fresh. Max 21C (70F).

☐ **W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW, NW England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man:** Mostly dry, sunny intervals developing. Wind north or northwest, light to moderate. Max 21C (70F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & *Dundee, Aberdeen, Cent Highlands,* Moray Firth, NE Scotland:** Cloud and patchy drizzle slowly clearing. Some sunny spells developing. Wind north or northwest, light to moderate. Max 16C to 18C (61F to 64F).

☐ **SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland:** Mainly cloudy, drizzle at times, chiefly near northern and western coasts. Sunny intervals developing. Wind north or northwest, light to moderate. Max 15C to 20C (59F to 68F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** Mostly cloudy, rain or drizzle at times. Wind northwesterly, light to moderate. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Outlook:** Dry in west, patchy rain in east. Rain later in northwest.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 *pm*: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

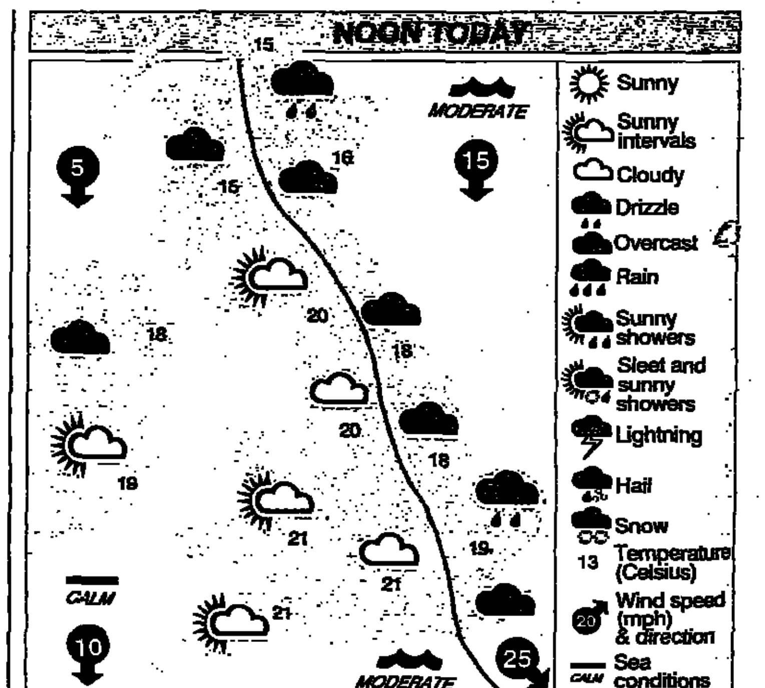
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	11.5	-	20	68	s
Aspatria	9.8	-	21	70	s
Aviemore	2.5	0.01	18	64	c
Belfast	X				
Birmingham	6.9	0.02	23	73	b
Bristol	6.5	-	22	72	b
Buxton	6.4	0.01	21	70	s
Cardiff	9.3	0.06	21	70	s
Cromer	2.2	0.05	18	64	c
Dunbar	13.8	-	19	66	s
Eastbourne	1.4	0.60	22	72	f
Edinburgh	13.4	-	23	73	s
Eskdalemuir	6.1	-	20	68	b
Exmouth	10.5	0.13	22	72	s
Falmouth	13.0	-	21	70	s
Fishguard	7.7	-	17	63	s
Folkestone	0.9	4.33	19	66	f
Glasgow	11.0	-	23	73	s
Guernsey	9.7	-	21	70	s
Hastings	2.0	0.82	21	70	r
Hayling I	7.4	0.07	22	72	b
Herne Bay	1.0	0.02	20	68	c
Hove	6.1	0.41	22	72	sh
Hunstanton	X	0.11	17	63	c
Isle of Man	11.9	-	20	68	s
Jersey	8.6	-	22	72	s
Kinloss	6.9	-	19	66	s
Leeds	9.1	0.35	24	75	s
Lerwick	0.8	0.01	15	59	c
Leuchars	13.6	0.01	21	70	s
Littlehmptn	6.5	-	22	72	f
London	2.2	0.17	21	70	sh
Lowestoft	0.2	0.04	19	66	c
Manchester	8.2	0.01	23	73	sh
Margate	1.1	0.06	20	68	r
Minehead	10.3	0.03	22	72	s
Morecambe	11.9	0.27	21	70	s
Newquay	8.2	-	17	63	b
Norwich	1.2	0.02	19	66	c
Oxford	4.6	0.21	22	72	b
Penzance	X				
Poole	8.2	0.01	23	73	s
Prestatyn	X	0.01	20	68	s
Ross-o-wye	7.9	-	24	75	s
Ryde	X	0.01	23	73	s
Salcombe	11.9	-	22	72	s
Sandown	7.1	0.01	22	72	b
Sauntn Snd	13.0	-	19	66	s
Scarboro'	10.2	-	18	64	s
Shanklin	8.1	-	X	X	s
Shrewsbury	8.4	0.03	23	73	s
Skegness	6.8	-	18	64	b
Southport	11.3	0.01	20	68	s
Southsea	7.0	0.01	23	73	s
Stornoway	0.2	0.01	15	59	du
Tenby	12.3	-	22	72	s
Torquay	10.8	0.08	21	70	s
Ventnor	6.7	-	22	72	b
West-s-mare	9.2	0.04	22	72	s
Weymouth	8.8	0.01	21	70	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	27	81	f
Akrotiri	30	86	s
Alex'dria	28	82	s
Algiers	32	90	s
Amst'dm	20	68	f
Athens	30	86	s
B Aires	19	66	s
Bahrain	41	106	s
Bangkok	33	91	f
Barbados	30	86	f
Barcelona	27	81	s
Beirut	30	86	s
Belgrade	28	82	s
Berlin	26	79	s
Bermuda	24	75	f
Biarritz	21	70	f
Borde'x	21	70	r
Brussels	21	70	c
Budapst	27	81	s
Cairo	33	91	s
Cape Tn	16	61	s
Ch'church	7	45	X
Chicago	24	75	f
Cologne	20	68	f
Corfu	30	86	s
C'phagn	23	73	s
Dublin	17	63	r
Dubrovnik	X		
Faro	24	75	s
Florence	28	82	f
Frankfurt	22	72	f
Funchal	26	79	s
Geneva	20	68	f
Gibraltar	30	86	s
Helsinki	23	73	s
Hong K	31	88	c
Innsbrck	17	63	r
Istanbul	27	81	f
Jeddah	38	100	s
Jo'burg	21	70	s
Karachi	X		
L Angels	25	77	s
L Palmas	26	79	s
Le Tquet	18	64	f
Lisbon	25	77	s
Locarno	21	70	X
Luxembg	19	66	c
Luxor	40	104	s
Madrid	28	82	s
Majorca	30	86	s
Malaga	36	97	s
Malta	29	84	f
Melb'rne	13	55	f
Mexico C	21	70	f
Miami	32	90	s
Milan	24	75	c
Montreal	21	70	s
Moscow	22	72	f
Munich	17	63	f
N Delhi	31	88	f
N York	25	77	s
Nairobi	25	77	f
Naples	31	88	f
Nice	27	81	f
Oslo	25	77	f
Paris	22	72	f
Peking	27	81	f
Perth	14	57	f
Prague	21	70	f
Reykjavik	12	54	c
Rhodes	28	82	s
Rio de J	19	66	f
Riyadh	42	108	s
Rome	29	84	s
S Fr'isco	18	64	s
S Paulo	14	57	c
Salzburg	19	66	r
Santiago	17	63	s
Seoul	32	90	c
Sing'por	24	75	r
St'kholm	25	77	s
Strasb'rg	22	72	f
Sydney	18	64	s
Tangier	26	79	s
Tel Aviv	32	90	f
Tenerife	29	84	s
Tokyo	29	84	f
Toronto	22	72	f
Tunis	37	99	s
Valencia	31	88	s
Vanc'ver	19	66	s
Venice	25	77	f
Vienna	25	77	f
Warsaw	25	77	s
Wash'ton	27	81	s
Wel'ngton	9	48	X
Zurich	17	63	s

Temperatures at midday local time on Sunday. X = not available

NOON TODAY



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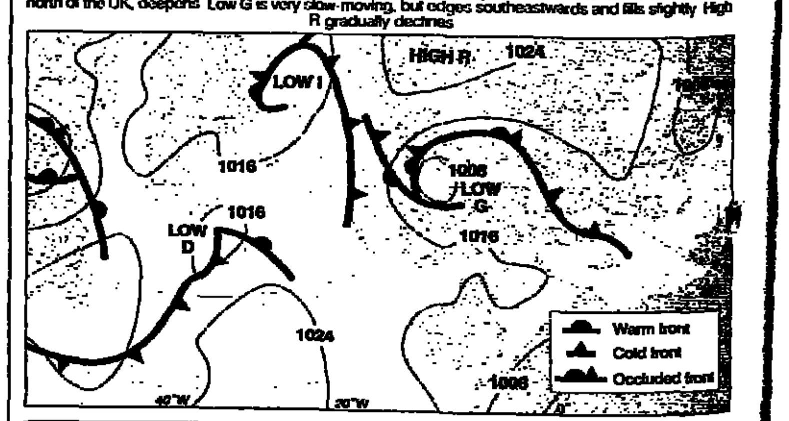

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.04	6.6	1.23	6.6
Aberdeen	0.31	4.0	12.58	3.9
Avonmouth	6.28	12.2	6.45	12.6
Belfast	10.47	3.2	10.56	3.5
Cardiff	6.17	11.1	6.37	11.6
Devonport	4.58	4.9	5.12	5.2
Dover	10.42	6.4	11.01	6.3
Dublin (N Wall)	11.10	3.7	11.19	4.0
Falmouth	4.17	4.5	4.40	4.9
Greenock	-	-	12.26	3.0
Harwich	11.16	3.8	11.41	3.8
Holyhead	9.50	5.0	10.02	5.3
Hull (Albert D)	5.31	6.9	5.58	6.7
Ilfracombe	5.25	8.6	5.40	8.9
King's Lynn	5.38	6.0	6.00	6.1
Leith	1.55	5.2	2.16	5.1
Liverpool	10.46	8.7	10.59	9.0
Lowestoft	8.44	2.5	9.27	2.3
Margate	11.39	4.5	-	-
Milford Haven	5.36	6.3	5.53	6.5
Newquay	4.21	6.0	4.40	6.3
Oban	5.14	3.6	5.21	3.8
Penzance	4.04	5.0	4.22	5.3
Portland	6.05	1.7	6.19	1.9
Portsmouth	10.55	4.4	10.57	4.4
Shoreham	10.54	5.8	11.00	5.8
Southampton	10.21	4.3	10.32	4.4
Swansea	5.41	8.7	5.57	9.0
Tees	3.02	4.9	3.23	4.8
Walton-on-Naze	11.13	4.1	11.35	4.0

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Glasgow, 23C (73F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 14C (57F); highest rainfall: Bristol, 0.98in; highest sunshine: Tiree, Inner Hebrides, 11.5hr.

RNLI RESCUE UPDATE – 13 AUGUST 1996

Total number of lives saved so far this year:	319
Total number of lifeboat launches so far this year:	1,893
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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook TUESDAY AUGUST 13 1996 RK

Judge warns rebel Lloyd's names of 'exocet' effect

A LAST-DITCH assault by rebel Lloyd's of London names threatens to send an "exocet" missile through the insurance market, according to a High Court judge, who yesterday granted the dissidents more time in which to prepare a legal challenge to the Lloyd's recovery plan.

Members of the Paying Names Action Group (PNAG) saw their application for a judicial review adjourned until tomorrow, to assist in their efforts to raise at least £500,000 in funds. The delay increases pressure on Lloyd's, which conceded that victory for the rebels would spell the death of the reconstruction and renewal (R&R) plan. More than 34,000 names have until August 28 to decide whether to back Lloyd's £3.2 billion settlement offer. Payment of bills is due by the end of September.

Members of the 3,000-member PNAG are seeking a judicial review of R&R on the grounds that it is unlawful. They "paid their way" through the difficult years, and consider themselves unfairly disadvantaged, compared with members who refused to pay their bills and are having their debts written-off under the recovery plan.

Lord Justice Brooke, sitting with Mr Justice Carnwath, gave warning that the case could have the effect of an "exocet" missile on the insurance market. He said he was unclear as to whether those putting up the money were aware of the "explosive" nature of the declaration they were seeking, but agreed to a two-day adjournment.

The PNAG has been ordered to pay Lloyd's legal bill for opposing yesterday's application on an indemnity basis — the highest scale on which the taxation of costs can be ordered. Peter Scott, QC, appearing for Lloyd's, had asked the court to punish the PNAG, saying there was "absolutely no justification" for seeking a judicial review when it did not have the funds to proceed.

Mr Scott said the PNAG "manoeuvres" were not simply driven by money problems but by a desire to put Lloyd's "in an extremely difficult position", and it was not a bona fide application. He said time was running out and the rescue package would become an "impossibility" if the rebel names succeeded in their application.

The allegation of lack of good faith was denied by Thomas Keith, for the PNAG, who said it was the unusual speed at which the challenge was having to be mounted that had caused problems.

The PNAG application will almost certainly be dismissed if members are unable to proceed tomorrow. The judge said that any further slippage would jeopardise the rescue plan's timetable. He also gave warning of the potential damage to the insurance market if the legal challenge was allowed to remain "live" any longer. Judgment has been fixed for next Monday.

Lloyd's expressed regret at the delay, but welcomed the fixing of a firm judgment date. Tony Welford, the PNAG chairman, said that he was confident their bid would succeed.

☐ The third auction of syndicate capacity for the 1997 underwriting year saw £197 million of capacity auctioned at a total value of £4.3 million, Lloyd's announced yesterday. This brings the total auctioned this year to £378 million, realising £8.9 million for 112 syndicates, after adjustment for approved syndicate mergers. The next in the series of eight auctions is due on August 19.

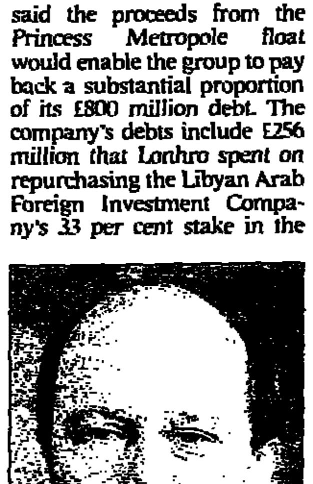
Lonrho to float hotels group

By Alasdair Murray

LONRHO, the mining, trading and hotels group, has unveiled plans for the £700 million flotation of its Princess Metropole Hotels subsidiary — the first step towards breaking up the company.

Lonrho aims to have the flotation completed by early October and then hopes to complete the sale of its African trading interests by the end of the year, leaving Lonrho with just its core mining division.

Dieter Bock, chief executive, said the proceeds from the Princess Metropole float would enable the group to pay back a substantial proportion of its £800 million debt. The company's debts include £256 million that Lonhro spent on repurchasing the Libyan Arab Foreign Investment Company's 33 per cent stake in the Princess Metropole chain earlier in the summer.



Bock: aiming to cut debt

The flotation plans were well received in the City and Lonrho's share price, which has undergone a bumpy ride since the company first announced its break-up plans, rose 3p to close at 171p.

Analysts said that Lonrho's timing was good, with both the UK and US hotel markets enjoying strong growth. A number of other hotel groups, including Millennium & Copthorne and Jarvis Hotels, have made a successful debut on the stock market in the past few months, although analysts said it would be difficult to place an exact value on the Princess Metropole chain until the company published details of debt allocation next month.

The 15-strong Princess Metropole group last year made operating profits of £42 million, up 71 per cent on 1994, on turnover of £255 million.

The group has two principal divisions with the UK-based Metropole chain concentrating on the business conference market. The Birmingham Metropole is one of the largest hotels in the country with 794 rooms and 59,000 sq ft of conference space.

Lonrho also recently announced a £90 million expansion plan for the London Metropole, which will result in the addition of 360 rooms and the doubling of conference facility space.

The Princess group operates in the luxury holiday market with ten hotels in Mexico, the Caribbean and America. It also owns a casino in Bermuda.

Princess Metropole will continue to operate Lonrho's African hotels and lodges, which generate slightly more than £1 million of revenue a year, after the company is floated-off. But Lonrho will maintain ownership of the hotels until the African trading division is split off. Mr Bock said the hotels did not naturally fit in a hotel group that was primarily targeted at the UK and US markets.

Peter Harper, a non-executive director of Lonrho, will become non-executive chairman while Martin Bolland, managing director of Metropole Hotels since 1985, will become chief executive. Mr Bolland said the hotel company, supported by a strong asset base, would be able to expand rapidly. But he added it would concentrate on organic growth and had no interest in bidding for hotel chains.

Existing Lonrho investors will receive preference in the allocation of shares in the new group although they will have to pay the full market price. Mr Bock, who has an 18 per cent stake in Lonrho, said he would not exercise his right to purchase shares in the hotel group.

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Martin Beddall

KEEPING options open: WPP, the advertising group led by Martin Sorrell, above, yesterday reported sharply higher first half profits, improved margins and a significant drop in debt (Sarah Cunningham writes).

In the six months ending June 30, WPP's pre-tax profit was up 40.4 per cent to £68.1 million. Its like-for-like operating margins rose from 9 per cent to 10.2 per cent, while average net debt was down 22 per cent to £169 million compared with £217 million. WPP plans a 0.5556p dividend, up 25 per cent, payable on November 29.

Revenues in the first six months were up an average 10 per cent. At Ogilvy & Mather they rose 11.1 per cent and at J Walter Thompson, 8.5 per cent. Hill and Knowlton, WPP's public relations subsidiary, moved into operating profit as its revenues rose 8.8 per cent.

Analysts said the figures were stronger than expected and boosted full-year profit forecasts to around £150 million. July revenues were up over 10 per cent. The company said the Olympic Games and US presidential elections should help business in the second half. WPP is mulling the options of making acquisitions, reducing debt, increasing dividends or arranging share buybacks.

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Goeltz leaves NatWest for American Express

By Robert Miller

NATWEST yesterday suffered a significant blow with the defection of Richard Goeltz, the group's chief financial officer and a key figure in the bank's restructuring programme.

Mr Goeltz, who returns to the United States to join American Express as vice-chairman and chief financial officer next month, was persuaded to leave Seagram, the drinks group, in 1992 and set-up home with his wife in the United Kingdom. NatWest paid £242,170 towards the relocation costs.

Last year Mr Goeltz earned a total of £362,000, which included a performance-related bonus of £88,000 and a profit share of £19,000. His salary at American Express remains undisclosed, but is believed to be considerably higher than he earned at NatWest.

Mr Goeltz, 53, whose financial expertise was put to good use as a governor of the Sadler's Wells Foundation during his time in London, worked on a number of key deals involved in NatWest's restructuring. These included the £477 million acquisition of Gartmore, the fund management house, the $590 million purchase of Greenwich Capital, the US bond dealer, and the $3.5 billion disposal of Bancorp, NatWest US retail operation.

NatWest said it was looking at a number of potential replacements for Mr Goeltz, although it is understood that the bank favours an external candidate.

Goeltz: key figure

Factory gate price rises at lowest for 29 years

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

THE Treasury yesterday hailed the latest fall in the prices of goods leaving British factory gates as the best figures since 1967 and said that they justified the Chancellor's optimism about low inflation in the months to come.

Producer output prices fell in July by 0.1 per cent, the third successive monthly fall, according to figures from the Office for National Statistics.

Underlying output prices — stripping out volatile food, drink and tobacco prices — grew by only 1.5 per cent in the year to July, the lowest rate since November 1967. Taking the latest three months against the previous three, output prices rose by an annualised 0.6 per cent, the lowest rate since April 1973, when there were statutory controls on prices.

The Treasury said the figures were "exceedingly good". They come less than a week after the Bank of England called on the Chancellor to raise rates if he is to meet his target of underlying inflation of 2.5 per cent or less.

However, economists argued yesterday that the latest producer prices figures could give the Chancellor the opportunity to cut rates again.

Ian Shepherdson, chief UK economist at HSBC Markets, said that the rate of output price inflation could slip close to zero by next spring. He said that retailers could raise their margins as consumer spending strengthened, but underlying inflation could still fall at the same time. Input prices — the cost to industry of imports and raw materials — increased by 0.3 per cent but were still 2.2 per cent lower than a year ago.

Separate figures from the British Retail Consortium showed that retail sales were still healthy in July, but less buoyant than in June. Sales were up 5.4 per cent against a year ago compared with an increase of 7 per cent in June.

Andrew Sentance, chief economic adviser to the BRC, said that underlying sales remained healthy, but there should be no fear that consumer spending was rising too strongly. "Calls for higher rates to head off inflationary pressure are premature to say the least," he said.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3803.3	(-7.4)
Yield	4.11%	
FT-SE A All share	1882.95	(-1.91)
Nikkei	20666.60	(+115.55)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5658.01	(-23.30)*
S&P Composite	659.88	(-2.22)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5¼%*	(5%)
Long Bond	100[illegible]*	(100[illegible])
Yield	6.70%*	(6.70%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	5[illegible]%	(5[illegible]%)
Liffe long gilt future (Sep)	107[illegible]	(107[illegible])

STERLING

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$	1.5508*	(1.5505)
London:		
$	1.5519	(1.5495)
DM	2.2895	(2.2907)
FFr	7.8340	(7.8311)
SFr	1.8618	(1.8653)
Yen	166.94	(167.53)
£ Index	84.6	(84.6)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4767*	(1.4777)
FFr	5.0580*	(5.0555)
SFr	1.2005*	(1.2040)
Yen	107.70*	(108.26)
$ Index	95.9	(96.1)

Tokyo close Yen 107.70

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Oct)	$20.10	($19.80)

GOLD

London close	$387.95	($387.65)

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ROYAL Bank of Scotland has reduced its fraud bill by almost £1 million in the five years since the launch of the Highline card with a laser-etched signature and photograph.

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Chief executives pull out at Cantab and Proteus International

By Paul Durman

CANTAB Pharmaceuticals and Proteus International announced the departures of their chief executives yesterday, less than two months after the two biotechnology companies raised millions of pounds from their shareholders.

Paul Haycock, who has headed Cantab for nearly five years, is to become a director of Apax Partners, the venture capital firm that is a leading investor in the UK's biotech sector. To replace him, Cantab has recruited Jurek Sikorski, who has spent the past 18 months turning round the previously troubled Proteus.

Apax first approached Dr Haycock about six months ago. Since May, Proteus has raised £9.5 million from its shareholders and Cantab has raised £25.7 million.

Dr Haycock said that the success of Cantab's share placing did not stand or fall on his continuing as chief executive. He added: "The financing is based on the whole of Cantab's effort, all of our technology — not just me."

Mr Sikorski said that he was approached by Cantab after Proteus had completed the underwriting of its rights issue. He said that he was attracted by the opportunity of the bigger job at Cantab.

Cantab, which is developing treatments for herpes and genital warts, is valued at close to £100 million, while the USM-quoted Proteus is capitalised at less than £40 million. The share prices of both companies fell yesterday. Cantab closed 15p lower at 633p, while Proteus fell 10p to 60p.

It is intended that Dr Haycock, 49, will gradually take over from Hamish Hale, 70, who oversees Apax's healthcare investments.

Dr Haycock will continue to advise Cantab on strategy for the next two years in a new part-time role as vice-chairman. Mr Sikorski, 44, will join Cantab in October. Proteus has still to find a replacement. In the meantime, David Gration, the chairman, will take on executive duties.

Mr Sikorski has previously worked as a marketing director at Smith & Nephew, Wellcome Foundation, and Celltech. Cantab believes that marketing skills will be increasingly important as it tries to commercialise its discoveries.

Cantab announced first-half results, showing a loss of £3.7 million (£3.5 million loss). At this stage, Cantab's only source of revenue is fees from development partners. Cantab ended the half with £7.4 million in cash, though this has since been bolstered by the placing.

Dr Haycock owns 131,000 options in Cantab. At an averaged exercise price of £2.22, these are currently worth about £540,000.

Dr Hale said that Dr Haycock was an ideal candidate to succeed him.

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Profits slump at Kvaerner after takeover of Trafalgar

By Oliver August

KVAERNER, the international engineering and construction group, has seen a dramatic decline in pre-tax profits since its agreed takeover of Trafalgar House in April.

In the six months to June 30 profits fell 56 per cent year-on-year, from £161 million to £71 million, the Norwegian company reported in its first financial results since the takeover.

But analysts in Oslo were upbeat over long-term prospects. One said: "This is a 1998 story. If you are wise you'll look through the 1996 figures and view two years from now where the underlying potential lies."

Analysts were angry that Kvaerner had offered few hard facts on the synergies resulting from the takeover and too little quantitative information. Forecasts before results were said to have been hindered by a lack of financial data on the diversified British group. Kvaerner's shares fell almost 4 per cent on the Oslo stock exchange to 233 NKr after the company's presentation.

Erik Tonseth, Kvaerner's president and chief executive, said there were sound reasons for optimism after the acquisition of Trafalgar. He said: "Comprehensive action has already been taken to realise the significant synergies that exist by the co-ordination of our business streams. Quite simply, we aim to be the global leader in engineering and construction."

Mr Tonseth said the operating results of the acquired businesses for the two months after the takeover had been in line with expectations. "We expect the operating result, on the whole, to be better in the second half," he said.

The construction business, which Kvaerner acquired as part of the Trafalgar takeover, suffered a loss of £600,000 in the two-month period after the acquisition, mainly because of the very competitive UK market, the company said.

Kvaerner's pulping division suffered a pre-tax loss of £13 million in the first half, compared with a profit of £1.2 million a year ago. "It will continue to be a loss-making business for the rest of the year," Mr Tonseth said.

Earnings per share declined from 268p to 119p. Operating profits slumped more than 60 per cent to £58 million, while turnover rose £744 million to £2.3 billion.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.09	1.93
Austria Sch	17.11	15.61
Belgium Fr	50.15	45.85
Canada $	2.232	2.072
Cyprus Cyp£	0.745	0.690
Denmark Kr	9.42	8.62
Finland Mkk	7.46	6.81
France Fr	8.23	7.58
Germany Dm	2.44	2.23
Greece Dr	382	357
Hong Kong $	12.65	11.65
Iceland	113	93
Ireland Pt	1.01	0.93
Israel Shk	5.28	4.61
Italy Lira	2461	2306
Japan Yen	181.60	165.60
Malta	0.594	0.539
Netherlds Gld	2.720	2.490
New Zealand $	2.41	2.19
Norway Kr	10.44	9.64
Portugal Esc	247.00	228.50
S Africa Rd	7.61	6.81
Spain Pta	201.50	188.50
Sweden Kr	10.94	10.14
Switzerland Fr	1.99	1.81
Turkey Lira	132770	124770
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Light fantastic: Michael Meyer, chairman of Emess, which enjoyed a strong first-half performance

Sainsbury confirms talks to buy in US

By Sarah Cunningham

J SAINSBURY yesterday confirmed that it is talking to Royal Ahold, the Dutch retail group, about buying 12 supermarkets and two sites in the US.

Sainsbury is expected to convert the stores owned by Aholds, that are part of the Edwards chain, into Shaws supermarkets. The 100-strong Shaws chain is making good returns for Sainsbury. The UK supermarket group took full control of Shaws in 1987.

Sainsbury is expected to pay up to £50 million for the Aholds owned stores, although it would not confirm that figure.

The stores are understood to be in Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts, states in which Shaws is already operating.

Ahold has been forced by the Federal Trade Commission to find buyers for 26 Edwards supermarkets, two future Edwards sites and three Stop & Shop sites after its recent purchase of the Stop & Shop chain for around £1.15 billion.

In a separate move, Sainsbury last week spent £39.7 million on increasing its stake in Giant Food, another US supermarket chain. This has increased speculation that Sainsbury is to launch a full bid, which would have to be worth more than £1 billion.

Sainsbury's confirmation of the talks with Ahold helped push its shares 4p higher to close at 399p.

BAA passenger traffic suffered after strike threat

By Fraser Nelson

BRITISH AIRPORTS lost more than 75,000 passengers through the threat of a pilots' strike in July alone, according to monthly traffic figures from BAA, the airports operator.

The group, which runs seven of the country's largest airports, said that although industrial action was never actually carried out, the prospect of cancelled flights had prompted travellers to change their plans.

As a result, it said, July's passenger traffic grew only 1.3 per cent to 9.66 million against last July's growth rate of 4.9 per cent, to 9.53 million

Heathrow was hardest hit, attracting 5.29 million passengers, 15,900 fewer than last July. The drop was made in spite of a 1.8 per cent rise in its air traffic, which rose to 37,300 flights.

Passenger levels at London Stansted airport grew 17 per cent to 503,000. The airport's cargo traffic was 30 per cent ahead at 8,790 tonnes.

In Scotland, Edinburgh airport continued to narrow the gap with Glasgow airport, lifting its passenger turnover 12 per cent to 379,000. Glasgow's passenger levels fell 7 per cent to 610,000 after a reduction in its number of chartered flights.

July and August are normally the busiest months of the year. BAA said that without the strike threat, underlying passenger turnover levels would have grown 3 per cent.

BAA's shares rose 1p to 489p yesterday.

Heathrow was the hardest hit airport

Emess offers new deal on preference buyback

By Fraser Nelson

EMESS, the lighting group, yesterday tabled a new deal for preference shareholders after accepting that its ordinary shares are unlikely to reach their 100p target by the end of 2003.

The company is due to buy back the 62.5 million preference shares for 100p each in 2003, or swap them for ordinary shares at a 128p conversion price. But Michael Meyer, group chairman, said these terms were restricting dividend cover and the performance of ordinary shares, which have yet to top 38.5p.

Under the new plans, the preference shares maintain their 6.25p annual payout, but the buyback deadline is cancelled and the conversion price falls to 55p per share.

Emess's ordinary shares rose 1p, to 34p, yesterday as it returned strong interim results for the six months to June 30. Contracts to supply lighting for Manchester United's stadium helped its commercial lighting sector hold sales at £31.2 million. Its consumer lighting operations returned sales 14 per cent ahead, at £51.9 million. Group turnover rose by 7 per cent, to £83.1 million.

The company said the commercial and consumer lighting markets were counter-cyclical, and its presence in both sectors allowed it to weather the trends. Pre-tax profits rose slightly, to £2.4 million (£2.1 million), nudging earnings up 0.1p, to 1.0p per share. There is no interim dividend.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Mortgage index lift for housing market

FURTHER evidence of a revival in the housing market came yesterday from a report which showed that total mortgage lending rose 5 per cent in July. The Barclays Mortgage Index, which measures the activity of all mortgage providers, revealed that the number of commitments to take out mortgages is up 22 per cent on a year ago. The report said the figure was a good indicator of the level of activity in the market which has yet to show up in actual sales. During the second quarter, those commitments rose 4 per cent.

Barclays believes house prices could rise between 5 per cent and 10 per cent over the next two years. Jim Chadwick, Barclays Mortgages marketing director, said: "Rising house prices have lifted many homeowners out of the negative equity trap. As prices continue to rise, they should provide a greater stimulus to housing activity." Analysis from the index shows turnover in the housing market could rise 15 per cent this year, with a similar rise in 1997.

Airline alliance plan

AMERICAN AIRLINES said yesterday it would look to Air France as a potential partner if a proposed alliance with British Airways fell through. American said it had been in talks with Air France right up until announcing the proposed BA link and was ready to reactivate talks if necessary. BA remained its preferred European partner. American denied reports that Bob Crandall, its chairman, was using the threat of an Air France link to put pressure on BA and the UK Government. Air France said it was in talks with several US carriers with a view to finding a partner. Letters, page 29

Houston buys in US

BID speculation on regional electricity companies was dampened yesterday after Houston Industries, long touted as a potential buyer of a UK company, made an agreed offer for a gas company in the US. Houston, the Texas company which mounted an abortive joint bid for Norweb last year, is to pay £3.8 billion for Noram Energy in a deal that is expected to be concluded early next year. The remaining independent regional companies — East Midlands, London, Northern, Southern and Yorkshire — all saw their share price diminish on the news.

Record interims at BPP

BPP HOLDINGS, the professional education group, yesterday unveiled record interim results. Pre-tax profits in the six months to June 30 were £4.6 million, compared with £4.1 million a year earlier. Turnover rose to £35.3 million (£30.2 million), while earnings per share were 10.5p (9.4p). There will be an interim dividend of 4p(3.6p) to be paid on October 31. BPP was boosted by successful trading at Letts Educational, its publication subsidiary. Linguarama, its chain of language schools, showed a profit in every country in which it runs centres, except Russia, where it has recently started courses.

Bayer moves ahead

BAYER, the German chemicals group, yesterday reported a 13 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to DM2.7 billion in the first half of 1996, up from from DM2.4 billion in the first half of the previous year. Worldwide sales were up 7 per cent to DM24.8 billion from DM23.2 billion. The company said that the sales increase was mainly because of growth at its foreign subsidiaries, where sales were 10 per cent higher at DM16.1 billion. Domestic sales rose only 2.4 per cent to DM8.7 billion. The company said that it was on target to lift sales 6 per cent and pre-tax profits 10 per cent.

Opec lifts output slightly

MEMBERS of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries produced 25.59 million barrels per day of crude oil in July, compared with 25.56 million bpd in June, the Middle East Economic Survey said yesterday. The 11 members' production exceeded by 557,000 bpd the ceiling imposed by the cartel in June, in spite of Gabon's exit from Opec with its quota of 287,000 bpd and Iraq's authorisation to produce 800,000 additional bpd. Iraq has still not benefited from the partial lifting of the United Nations embargo.

New jobcentres chief

THE next chief executive of the Employment Service will be Leigh Lewis, 45, currently the finance director. He was appointed from a shortlist that included external candidates after an open competition run by the Civil Service Commissioners. His appointment will take effect at the end of the year when Mike Fogden, the current chief executive, retires. The Employment Service, which manages the national network of jobcentres, is the second largest Executive Agency in the Civil Service, with about 35,000 staff.

Henderson's fine start

HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION, the fund management group, started the first quarter of its new financial year with a 31 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £5.3 million. In the three months to June 30, it made an operating profit of £4.3 million, 40 per cent up on the same period last year. Seligman Henderson and Henderson Real Estate Strategy both contributed profitability to the results, while funds under management rose 4 per cent to £14.9 billion with net new client funds of £302 million.

CRH expansion plans

CRH, the building materials group based in the Irish Republic, is spending Ir£55 million on acquisitions and investments. This includes a total of Ir£26.1 million in the United States to expand production capacity at Precast Group, the company's US subsidiary, and acquisitions worth a total of Ir£23.5 million in mainland Europe, notably The Netherlands. The company is spending Ir£5.1 million in Britain with the acquisition of a further ten branches for Keyline Builders Merchants, a subsidiary.

Fewer complaints from electricity firms brings watchdog review

Offer regional officers under scrutiny

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

A DROP in complaints from electricity companies has forced a staffing review that could lead to the cutting of regional officers of Offer, the electricity watchdog.

But ironically the next job that could be removed is that of the regional manager, whose office covers the company which Offer said gave the greatest cause for concern over its failure to meet guaranteed standards.

A letter from Peter Carter, deputy Director-General of Electricity Supply, to all regional managers said he was considering making the the Cardiff regional manager post redundant.

In its annual report on customer services last week Offer highlighted the performance of Swalec, the Welsh electricity company that is now part of the Hyder multi-utility, as the worst for meeting guaranteed standards. Its failures in the year to the end of March jumped 65 per cent to 601.

Mr Carter is looking at merging the management of the Cardiff office, currently handled by Philip Greenhough, with that of Bristol under the control of Ian Fitzpatrick, the present regional manager for the south west.

A spokeswoman for Offer said no decision had been made on whether to scrap the Cardiff manager's post and

Offer may also be poised to merge the management of the offices in Birmingham — where the regulator is based — and Nottingham. It has already merged the roles of the regional managers of Merseyside and North Wales. Mr Carter said Offer was looking at redeploying resources to areas whose importance and demands had increased.

But he added: "I should reemphasise that I am confident that the regional offices have an essential role to play in the continuing work of Offer, not least as we approach 1998 and the new challenges that will bring.

domestic electricity when it is likely the number of complaints will jump, out of confusion from households if nothing else. When competition was introduced into domestic gas in the south west this spring the regional office of the Gas Consumers Council was deluged with complaints. Households jammed switchboards because of aggressive marketing by Sweb, the regional electricity company, because they could not understand what was happening and because of teething problems in the transference mechanisms employed by British Gas which led to an outbreak of freak end-of-account

Society looks at setting up foundation

THE Birmingham Midshires Building Society said yesterday that its wish to remain independent had not faltered in spite of plans that might lead to the establishment of a charitable foundation (Anne Ashworth writes).

Birmingham Midshires is viewed as a merger or takeover target, but it has denied the incessant rumours, pledging its commitment to mutuality.

A spokesman for the society said: "We are currently discussing whether we will have a charitable foundation or pass a percentage of profits to local charities. But we do not have shares that we could

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☐ Unpicking Tiny's African empire ☐ Holes in the DTI's armoury ☐ Predictable board victory at Aberdeen

Bock checks out of the Metropole

☐ LOUSY coffee, rubber chicken for lunch, speeches of stupefying dullness and you always forget to remove the plastic lapel tag and are destined to wander the streets looking like a piece of misdirected luggage. Everybody loathes business conferences, the fastest growing sector of the hotel market.

Yet Lonrho's London Metropole, one of the biggest conference centres in the capital, is having to turn away one customer in four at present. The decision to float the Metropole chain, along with Princess hotels, had leisure analysts salivating. The only question that remains is just how great a burden of debt the business will eventually have to bear.

Shares in Millennium & Copthorne, the last hotel group to arrive on the stock market, raced to a 20 per cent premium when dealings started in April. Hotels are booming; the lack of available rooms and the constraints, planning and otherwise, on bringing more on stream seems to have broken the cyclical swings between shortage and glut that have always ruled the market. Kleinwort Benson's hotels team expects the supply of net new rooms built by the end of the century to increase by 3 per cent at best. Demand, by contrast, should grow by twice that.

The Princess Metropole hotels are coming to the market via a book-building exercise that will require investors to bid what they think the shares are worth. This can be risky, in that unstable market conditions can undermine the flotation right up to the last moment, but it will ensure maximum proceeds if institutions like the business. To these can be added the debt that the hotels will carry. A flotation price of £750 million would wipe out Lonrho's existing borrowings; whatever debt figure is arrived at might produce a cash surplus within the core business. How this will be divided up is anyone's guess. The hotels float will then allow a similar exercise for Lonrho's African operations.

These are a bit of a rag-bag of trading, property and farming interests, but they are apparently the true passion of Dieter Bock, who ousted his mentor and father-figure at Lonrho, Tiny Rowland. The mining business will be left to become a satellite of the huge Anglo-American combine which has 11 per cent and options to take itself to 28 per cent.

This will complete the dismemberment of Tiny's empire and return value to shareholders undreamt of during his reign. Just one curiosity: the African hotels are being kept, rather than floated along with the rest of Princess Metropole, although they will continue to be managed by the latter. This is because they are regarded as considerably more chancy investments. One wonders what Tiny, who once bestrode the continent like a colossus, makes of that view.

A clash of Titans

☐ YOU cut off one head and it grows another dozen. The labours of Hercules might seem a light afternoon's work to those charged with shutting down Titan, the unlawful pyramid selling scheme, and its successors. The difficulty that the Department of Trade and Industry has had in banishing a shabby but tenacious get-rich-quick scheme firmly ruled undesirable by the courts shows there is a serious hole in the armoury available to combat fraud.

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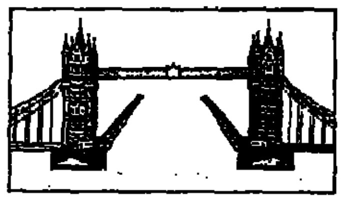

The first Titan scheme was banned by the High Court in June. Vice-Chancellor Sir Richard Scott ruled the scheme, which required "investors" to put their money into Titan funds and then be repaid as they signed up further members, "highly unsatisfactory, highly suspicious and thoroughly undesirable".

The danger of such pyramid schemes is that the supply of new members must inevitably dry up, leaving those last signed up with no means of being paid back for their "investment" even if those who preceded them are in the money. The case went to the Court of Appeal, where Lord Woolf, the Master of the Rolls, had no hesitation in declaring it an illegal lottery. He also gave a warning about Titan "clones", similar ploys designed to be the successors to the original banned scheme.

The first of such, Titan International LLC to its operators and Titan 2 to anyone else, was launched. Many members of Titan 1 had failed to recoup their money before the scheme was closed down and were automatically made members of Titan 2. The DTI naturally wanted Titan 2 shut down, and applied for the necessary injunctions.

Herein lies the problem. It requires court action to rule on what is self-evident, that Titan 2 is indeed a clone of the first scheme. That takes time. The injunctions are in place, pending a Court of Appeal judgment on whether the new scheme should be wound up. Titan 2 members are forbidden from pulling in new "investors". But there is nothing to stop the scheme's operators from creating Titan 3 and going through the same legal rigmarole, during which period new members can be acquired whose funds can be channelled into the first two Titans. And so on ad infinitum, like a series of reflecting mirrors — until the scheme's originators grow tired of the legal battle and retreat to another jurisdiction.

Mad investor disease

☐ EVENTS at Aberdeen Steak Houses have an eerie familiarity. Ali Salih, the chairman, survived yesterday's attempt to block his quadrupled salary, as he was always going to with his 80 per cent control of the shares. Meanwhile, the company is blaming fears of mad cow disease for difficult trading.

Plus ça change. The history of Aberdeen as a quoted company, which started with the refusal of a former company secretary to put his name to the prospectus, has been a catalogue of bad luck and dashed hopes. The Gulf War, the World Cup, rail strikes, the weather, you name it, all have been roped in as excuses, but the most common has always been mad cow disease.

Mr Salih has faced a grilling before from angry small shareholders, protesting about his decision to jack up his salary by half as much again while the company made losses. And running through this, like the marbling through a fine beef steak, are hopes that the management might one day take the company private. This, and ill-defined bid rumours, has been about all that has kept the shares afloat.

Aberdeen is losing its stock market quote at the end of this year when the Unlisted Securities Market implodes. The company has no hope of a full listing. Other alternatives, such as a quote on Ofex, the matched bargain market, would marginalise those angry small investors even further. Some companies are better off in private hands. The time is fast approaching when Mr Salih may have to put up the cash to meet the hopes of outside investors.

Heading west

☐ FOLLOWERS of the fat cat debate should note the departure of Richard Goeltz from NatWest. Mr Goeltz had been central to several deals at NatWest with an American dimension, so it could be said much of his work was done. But he has only one obvious reason for crossing the Atlantic again — a salary and perks package that corporate Britain could simply not match without causing an outcry.

DirecTV to link with NetHold

A new force in digital satellite broadcasting is set to emerge through a partnership between DirecTV of America and NetHold of The Netherlands. DirecTV is expected to announce by the end of this month that it is buying a significant stake in NetHold for as much as $1 billion. Neither company would comment.

DirecTV, owned by General Motors, is the leading digital TV broadcaster in the US. NetHold is owned by Richemont, the Swiss company whose brands include Rothmans and Cartier, and MIH, the South African pay-TV group.

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BDM in talks

Shares of British Data Management, the archive storage company, rose 14p, to 184p, yesterday after it said it was in talks that may lead to a recommended takeover bid. In an announcement to the Stock Exchange, it said that if an offer was made, it would be at a "modest premium" to its then share price of 179p, which would value the company at about £46 million. The group more than trebled its interim pre-tax profits to £1.56 million in the last half year.

Letting lift

London Industrial, the property company that lets space to small businesses, said trading was 33 per cent ahead for the three months to June 30, as it lifted pre-tax profits from £895,000 to £1.19 million over the period. The acquisition of Kingsland Viaduct Estate helped to lift its rent roll to £13.3 million. Earnings rose from 4.6p to 6p per share over the quarter.

Telecoms deal

MFS, the American telecoms company, and UUNET, the world's first and largest commercial Internet service provider, yesterday won shareholder approval for their $2 billion merger. Each UUNET share has been converted into and represents the right to receive 1.777 MFS shares, MFS announced.

Smith & Nephew buoyant despite pricing pressures

By Eric Reguly

SMITH & NEPHEW, the healthcare and medicals products company, reported stronger profits yesterday but said it faced difficulties in the highly competitive American market.

John Robinson, chief executive, said that hospitals and health-maintenance organisations, its main US clients, were going through a consolidation phase and were demanding price reductions. As a result, prices in the US, which accounts for 40 per cent of the company's turnover and operating profits, fell 3 per cent on average in the year to June 30.

Smith & Newphew, however, managed to maintain its profit margins through cost controls and a 4 per cent rise in sales. Mr Robinson said: "We expect two more years of tough conditions in the US."

The situation will be less grim if Dermagraft, the bioengineered skin it has developed with Advanced Tissue Sciences, the Californian company, proves to be a hit. Dermagraft is in phase 3 trials and is scheduled to be launched into the $2.5 billion market for the treatment of chronic diabetic foot ulcers in late 1997. Some analysts think that Dermagraft sales could reach $500 million a year. "Dermagraft could have a significant impact on the company," Mr Robinson said.

Smith & Newphew reported a 6 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, to £90.8 million, in the half-year period on turnover that grew 7 per cent to £540 million. Earnings per share were 5.68p against 3.84p. The results were in line with City forecasts and analysts at Greig Middleton and Williams de Broe said they were leaving their full-year pre-tax profit estimate unchanged at £190 million. The strongest performance was recorded in Asia, where sales rose 30 per cent. In continental Europe, they were up by an underlying 9 per cent, against a 5 per cent rise in the previous period. Sales in the UK rose by only 4 per cent, compared with 13 per cent last year, as wholesalers ran down their inventories.

Mr Robinson said that Smith & Nephew was still hunting for acquisitions and expected to find opportunities in the US where the consolidation trend has put many medical-device supply businesses on the market. He said the company could afford to spend £500 million in cash and would be prepared to issue new shares to fund a more expensive purchase.

Acquisitions in all the company's product areas will be considered, he said, especially in orthopaedic implants.

An interim dividend of 2.29p, up 6 per cent, is to be paid on December 11. The shares lost ½p to 195p.

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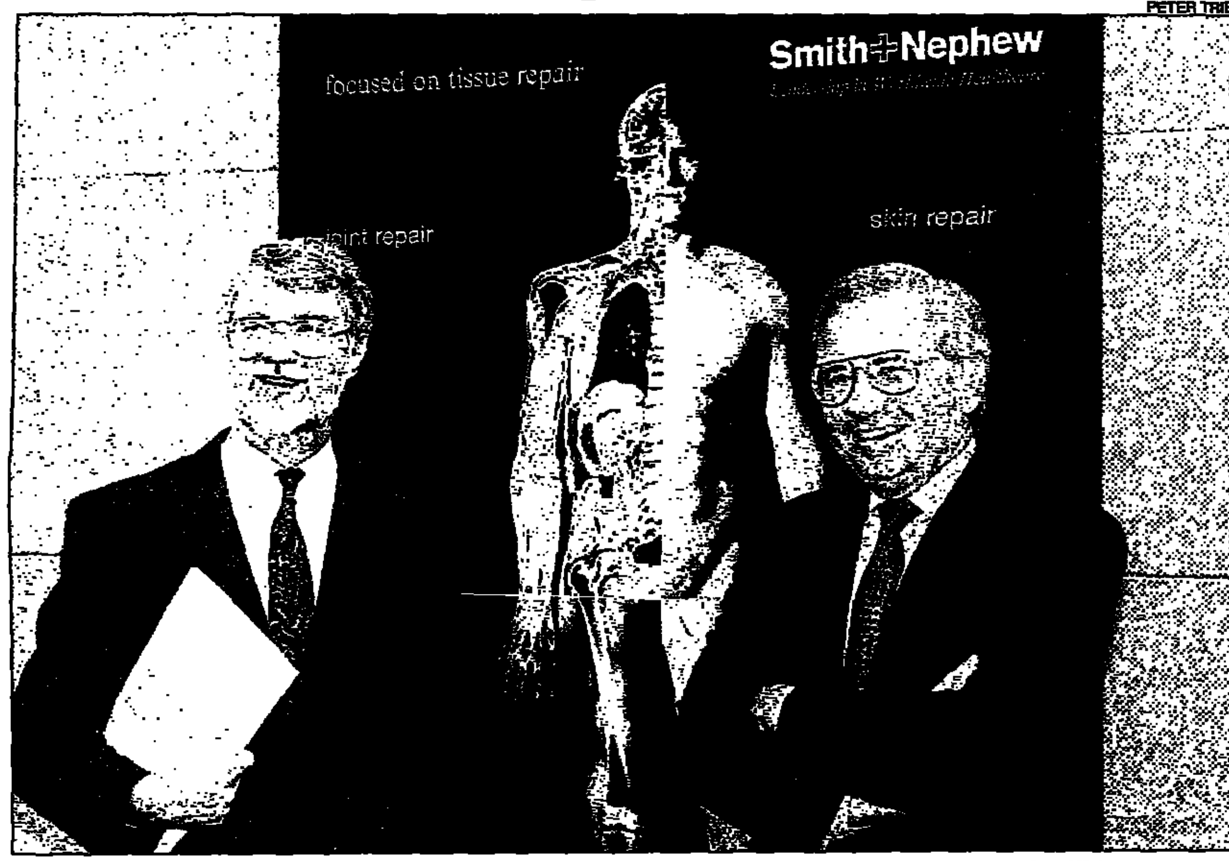

Christopher O'Donnell, left, deputy chief executive, and John Robinson hope Dermagraft will be a success

BAT shares hit by anti-smoking ruling in US

By Alasdair Murray

SHARES in BAT Industries, the tobacco and financial services company, fell sharply on the Stock Exchange yesterday — the first day of trading since the company lost an important smoking-related court case in Florida.

BAT shares fell 45p, to 464p, wiping £1.4 billion off the company's market value.

The company responded quickly with a damage limitation exercise, saying that it would launch an appeal in the Florida State Court and was "quietly confident of success".

At the weekend, a Florida state court awarded damages of $750,000 against Brown and Williamson, BAT's US tobacco subsidiary, after deciding that a lung-cancer victim had been misled into believing tobacco smoking was safe.

The case also hit tobacco stocks in America, with shares in Philip Morris falling $8.375, to $93.625, and RJR Nabisco 62.5 cents, to $28. BAT American depositary receipts also suffered, dropping 62.5 cents to $15.

Analysts were divided about the long-term impact of the case, pointing to a similar award made by a jury in 1988, which was later overturned.

Even if BAT loses its appeal, this particular case does not set a legal precedent, although it could encourage other potential litigants to bring cases and increase BAT's £50 million-a-year legal fees.

The setback has also revived speculation that BAT would consider demerging its tobacco and financial services arm. But BAT ruled out such a move yesterday, saying that it could only see short-term gains in demerger. The company has already ring-fenced its financial services arm from substantial tobacco litigation losses.

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Gulfstream valued at $2.2bn

By Jon Ashworth

GULFSTREAM Aerospace Corporation, the corporate jet manufacturer, is seeking to sell 28 million shares through an initial public offering (IPO) in New York, valuing the company at about $2.2 billion.

Forstmann Little & Co, the Wall Street investment firm that bought Gulfstream in 1990, will raise about $400 million through the IPO, while retaining majority control.

The firm bought the company from Chrysler for $850 million, and subsequently injected fresh capital and brought in new management in an attempt to improve Gulfstream's fortunes.

Today, the company, based in Savannah, Georgia, has orders and letters of intent for more than $3 billion in aircraft, including 63 contracts for the Gulfstream V, a new $35 million long-haul corporate jet. Gulfstream's management and operations will be unchanged.

Goldman Sachs, Merrill Lynch and Morgan Stanley will act as underwriters to the issue.

Overdue debt sets record

By Paul Durman

BRITISH firms are suffering a higher level of overdue debt than ever before, according to a survey from Trade Indemnity, the credit insurer.

During the second quarter, the average amount overdue for more than 30 days was £176,000. This is an increase on the previous record of £170,000 a year ago, and up from £164,000 in the first quarter of this year.

The figures are based on responses from 842 companies, with turnovers ranging from less than £1 million to more than £50 million.

Trade Indemnity said industries facing the biggest late payment problems are builders' merchants, business services and food manufacturers. Exporters report that France has become the most difficult destination from which to secure payment, taking over from Italy.

Most companies reported modest increases in their business, though steel stockholders and paper and printing firms suffered setbacks.

Trade Indemnity's overall score for production activity fell from 0.22 in the first quarter to 0.2. William Simpson, chief economist, said this was the equivalent of GDP growth of between 1.5 and 2 per cent — positive but unexciting. He believes domestic demand is still sufficiently sluggish to depress profitability, and sees little risk of a revival of inflation.

Miners given pit deadline

From a Correspondent

MINERS at a Welsh pit that is threatened with closure have been given a fortnight to decide whether to try to save it.

National Union of Mineworkers officials asked for at least one month to prepare a feasibility study for a workers' buyout of Point of Ayr colliery near Prestatyn, which has been offered for sale by RJB Mining for £1.2 million. Point of Ayr is the last deep coal mine in north Wales.

But after meeting the 200-strong workforce, company chiefs said coal production was only planned to continue until the end of next week.

Bill Rowell, RJB's managing director for deep mines, said he believed the men would know if the project was viable "within very much less than four weeks". He added: "I would certainly not want to pull the rug from under them at a very advanced stage. If they can put a deal together we shall be as helpful as we can be."

Mining engineers yesterday began a survey of reserves at the 130-year-old pit, which RJB says has lost £5 million since its sale by British Coal 19 months ago.

Today NUM representatives are expected to meet officials of Clay Collieries, an open-cast mining company that has also expressed an interest in a takeover.

It is possible that Clay, which operates a small number of mines in north Wales, could become a joint venture partner with Point of Ayr employees.

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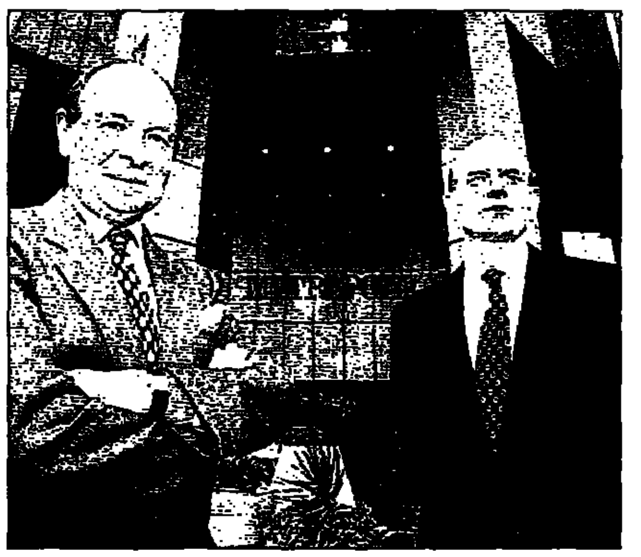
STOCK MARKET KAREN ZAGOR

BAT shares hit year low in wake of US court ruling



Peter Harper, left, with Martin Bolland, chief executive of Lonrho's Princess Metropole Hotels subsidiary

IT WAS a bad day for **BAT Industries**, the tobacco and insurance giant, which hit a year low yesterday in the wake of a Florida court ruling against the company's US tobacco arm. The shares ended the day at 464p, down 45p from Friday.

The Florida decision, which found in favour of a smoker in a tobacco liability case against BAT's Brown & Williamson arm, had sent shockwaves through the US tobacco sector on Friday amid fears that the ruling could lead to a flurry of similar claims. The sharp drop in Philip Morris shares on Friday contributed to a 32.18-point loss for the Dow Jones industrial average. But the news came too late for UK markets to respond. BAT has said it would appeal against the court decision.

Both BAT and the FT-SE 100 held up reasonably well when compared with the US. Wall Street opened lower on Monday as the sell-off in tobacco stocks continued.

BAT's loss included the impact of going ex-dividend, which eroded prices by about 10p. The company was one of many to go ex-dividend this week, taking a further bite out of the FT-SE 100, which ended the day 7.8 lower at 3803.3. The ex-dividend factor shaved about 11 points off the FT-SE 100. Volume remained thin.

Market sentiment was helped by the release of lower than expected factory gate prices, which bolstered hopes of lower interest rates. Traders will now be waiting for Thursday's retail prices index, which will provide further evidence about inflation.

If the RPI numbers are good, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, may have enough ammunition to push through a rate cut in the autumn regardless of the Bank of England's advice. Equities were also helped by gains in the gilts market.

Pearson led blue chips higher, climbing 13p to 660p amid continued speculation that it will soon announce a bid offer. The shares have firmed in recent days thanks partly to the successful sale of the Westminster Press business and partly to the company's interim results last week.

WPP Group, the advertising firm, gained 7p to 221p after posting better than expected results that prompted Panmure Gordon to lift full-year pre-tax profits forecasts to £150 million from £145 million. The announced dividend was also higher than expected. During the first half, US earnings growth was particularly strong at 18 per cent.

J Sainsbury was another noteable gainer on the day. News that customer loyalty cards had succeeded in improving the group's market share, reversing a recent trend of market share loses, helped the issue add 4p to 399p. **Safeway**, a rival supermarket chain, held steady at 342p while **Tesco** eased 1p to 298p. **Somerfield**, which had a stunning first-day performance last Friday, gave up 2p to close at 157p.

The improved outlook for interest rates helped a number of retailers including **Next**, up 8p to 542p, and **Argos**, up 9p at 745p. **BSkyB** continued to move higher in anticipation of the company's results next week and positive analysts' reports. Shares ended up 2p at 509p. **Lonhro** was another winner. Shares rose on the announcement of the flotation of its Princess Metropole Hotels, of which Peter Harper is chairman, although the gains were modest. At 171p, the shares closed 3p higher.

Last week bid speculation pushed utility share prices higher. Yesterday, utilities retraced their gains on news that Houston Industries, of the US, had made a $2.4 billion acquisition of NorAm, a natural gas resource company, quashing hopes that the Houston Industries would bid for a UK Rec. **Northern Electric** dropped 16p to 537p, **Yorkshire Electricity** eased 12p to 727p, and **East Midlands** fell 12p to 605p. Water company shares benefited from the Rec-related selling. **Yorkshire Water** closed 13p higher at 651p, **Thames Water** gained 4p to 566p. **Anglian Water** advanced 3p to 578p, **Severn Trent** rose 5p to 599p, and **Wessex Water** held steady at 350p. All five shares have gone ex-dividend.

Reports that **National Grid** may be subject to a tough price review by Stephen Littlechild, the regulator, initially sent shares in the company lower, but by the end of the day they had recovered, adding 1p to 175p.

Smith & Nephew, the healthcare company, was another early loser to regain its footing. Shares lost ground after it said that its North American markets could remain difficult for some time. The company's interim figures met expectations and the shares closed down 0.5p at 195p.

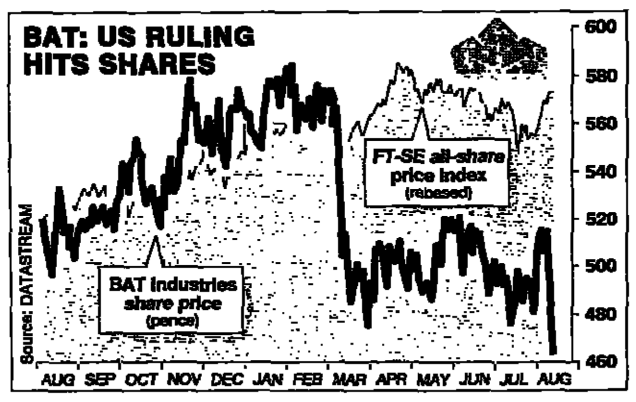
In the pharmaceutical sector, **Cantab Pharmaceuticals** fell 15p to 633p after reporting interim losses. **British Biotech**, which had been clawing its way back from its recent losses, yesterday gave up 10p to close at 215p after Credit Lyonnais Laing issued a "sell" rating last week.

Chemical Design Holdings saw solid gains on its first day on the Alternative Investment Market dealing. The shares were placed at 110p and closed at 133p. The company, designs software for the pharmaceutical and biotech sector.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Low volume and a narrow trading range characterised yesterday's market. Gilts rose a few ticks in morning trading on the back of weak economic figures, but by the afternoon international markets had started to sag, and UK Treasuries lost their gains. In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt rose $^{1}/_{32}$ to $107^{15}/_{16}$ on volume of only 22,000. The Treasury 8 per cent 2015 advanced $^{1}/_{32}$ to $99^{1}/_{8}$. At the short end of the yield curve, the Treasury 8 per cent 2000 added $^{1}/_{16}$ to $103^{7}/_{16}$.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Slumping tobacco shares and utility mergers dominated an otherwise quiet session. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 23.30 points to 5,658.01.

Manchester United scored in the stock market after its Charity Shield victory on Sunday. The shares closed 12p higher at 454p. One dealer said: "Manchester United is the most profitable club in the country, and if they keep winning then they'll keep making profits."



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 5658.01 (-23.30)
S&P Composite .... 659.88 (-2.22)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 20666.60 (+115.55)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 11181.58 (+77.85)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 548.71 (-0.77)

Sydney:
AO .... 2219.5 (-2.2)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2528.18 (+2.54)

Singapore:
Straits .... 2115.65 (-13.39)

Brussels:
General .... 9474.61 (-30.03)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 1978.17 (-11.37)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 759.60 (-0.80)

London:
FT 30 .... 2794.3 (-2.0)
FT 100 .... 3803.3 (-7.4)
FT-SE Mid 250 .... 4331.9 (+7.4)
FT-SE-A 350 .... 1905.1 (-2.2)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100 .... 1633.83 (-3.86)
FT A All-Share .... 1882.95 (-1.91)
FT Non Financials .... 1985.98 (-3.25)
FT Fixed Interest .... 113.68 (+0.39)
FT Govt Secs .... 93.46 (+0.28)
Bargains 31046
SEAQ Volume 465.3m
USM (Datastrm) .... 203.75 (-0.42)
US$ .... 1.5518 (+0.0022)
German Mark .... 2.2897 (-0.0011)
Exchange Index .... 84.6 (Same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.2046
£:SDR 1.0638
RPI .... 153.0 Jun (2.1%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX .... 152.6 Jun (2.8%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

AND International	67	- 5
Allzyme	50	...
Allied Carpets	239	...
Amer Opps U Ln	100	...
Chemical Design	133	...
Digital Animtns	110	...
Drings of Bath	4	...
Egypt Trust	677½	...
Electronic Retail	213	+ 15
Fayrewood	48	...
HIT Entertain (163)	199	...
Hambros Smlr Asn C	65	...
Hoare Govett 1000 C	97	...
Life Numbers	12	...
Life Numbers Wts	5	...
Lotteryking Wts	1½	...
Pordum Foods Wts	1¼	...
Robert Walters	128	+ 1
SCi Entertainment	163	...
Schrod Em Cntrs C	363	+ 6
Schrod Emg C Wts	36	...
Schrod Emg C	91½	...
Selector	68	...
Somerfield (145)	157	- 2
West 175 Enter	125	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Inspiratns Pf n/p (100)	6½	- ¼
Ivem Wst Uts n/p (40)	4	...
Jerome & Sons n/p (68)	2	...
Lorien n/p (250)	12	...
Scot Power n/p (250)	63	- 1
Shaftesbury n/p (125)	13	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Pifco .... 264p (+31p)
CPL Aromas .... 310p (+22p)
Osborne & Little .... 835p (+55p)
Regent Inns .... 223p (+13p)
Sothebys .... 970p (+25p)
Smith WH .... 505p (+10p)
LLoyds Abbey .... 558p (+10p)
Biocomps Intl .... 419p (+27p)
Man Utd .... 454p (+12p)

FALLS:
BAT .... 464p (-35p)
MAID .... 265p (-15p)
Cantab Pharms .... 633p (-15p)
Micro Focus .... 730p (-13p)

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TEMPUS

Rise and rise of WPP

WPP continues to make startling progress, yesterday reporting first-half pre-tax profit up 40 per cent, to £68.1 million, and like-for-like margins up 1.2 per cent, to 10.2 per cent.

Even better, the combination of the Olympic Games and the US presidential election is expected to create a very good second half, particularly in the United States where the company has been building up its client base and revenues.

WPP has seen American revenue grow 14 per cent in the first six months. The US market now accounts for 43 per cent of total revenues and new US customers include Twentieth Century Fox, Kodak and IBM Personal Systems. The group has also been whittling down the staff-cost to revenue ratio. At Ogilvy & Mather and J Walter Thompson combined, this ratio has fallen from 58.9 per cent to 58 per cent, and Martin Sorrell, chief executive, says that it remains under attack.

WPP's net debt has been cut to £169 million, from £217 million a year ago, and £372 million three years ago. But the group gave no further indications yesterday about what it will do with its surplus liquidity beyond saying that it is considering every possibility — debt-reduction, acquisitions, capital expenditure, increased dividends and share buybacks.

Mr Sorrell survived a shareholders' revolt last year against a performance-linked incentive scheme that could pay him up to £28 million. The company's strong performance means he is increasingly likely to get this sum. It would be understandable if shareholders now feel that any surpluses should be spent not on acquisitions but on ensuring that they, too, are amply rewarded.

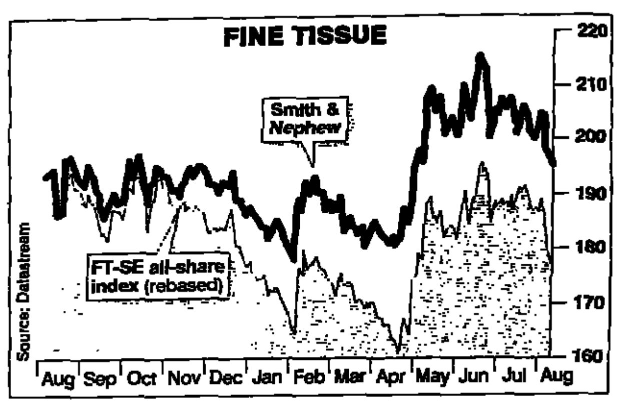
Smith & Nephew

SMITH & NEPHEW'S assault on the American healthcare market is turning into a bigger slog than its generals had anticipated. The market is the world's largest, and Smith & Nephew deserves kudos for building a presence in what has turned into a graveyard for many European companies.

Unfortunately, that market is also the world's most competitive and product prices have been coming down.

The company's main customers are hospitals and health-maintenance organisations, both of which are consolidating and demanding discounts from suppliers. Prices for products such as wound dressings, casts and orthopaedic implants, as a result, fell 3 per cent in the first half of this year and there is not sign of a turnround in the short term. Smith & Nephew predicts that prices will be under pressure for another two years; some analysts think the tough times could last even longer. The company also faces the cost of launching several new products, notably an off-the-shelf bio-engineered skin called Dermagraft.

Investors should not necessarily abandon the stock. Indeed, bid speculation, as it did this year, could send the shares soaring at any time. But until the American market loses its mean streak, it is unlikely that Smith & Nephew will be anything but an average performer.



Proteus

BIOTECHNOLOGY is a fast-moving sector. So perhaps we should not be surprised that just weeks after tapping their shareholders for millions of pounds, the chief executives of Cantab Pharmaceuticals and Proteus International are leaving to take up new jobs. The news still leaves an odd taste in the mouth. Attempts to woo Proteus's Jurek Sikorski to Cantab began in May, while the two companies were still marketing their share issues. Of course, neither company felt it necessary to burden investors with a minor detail like the imminent departure of their chief executives.

The real value in biotech stocks lies in the anonymous scientists beavering away in the laboratory. Nonetheless, Mr Sikorski and Cantab's Paul Haycock have done well to turn round companies that seemed to be going nowhere 18 months ago.

Dr Haycock's move to Apax Partners, the venture capitalist, may initially seem strange. With its key virus technology entering clinical trials and fresh from an important deal with SmithKline Beecham on genital warts, Cantab still has tremendous potential. However, Apax has its fingers in many biotech pies, and Dr Haycock will be able to use his expertise on a much wider front.

Proteus, as ever, remains a worry. No sooner has it resolved its money problems and secured a vote of confidence in its cancer treatment than it loses the architect of its revival. Handle with extreme care.

BAT Industries

THE plunge in BAT's share price after a set-back in the US courts at the weekend will be wearingly familiar to investors in the company.

Every time that any of the leading tobacco companies suffer a reverse in the labyrinthine US legal system, the market makes a knee-jerk write-down in the share prices. This is normally followed by a period of recovery as the full legal consequences of the case become clearer.

There is no reason to believe that the latest case will result in a different outcome.

A jury in Florida has awarded damages to a former smoker who suffers from lung cancer. But BAT believes that the judge allowed inadmissible evidence in the trial and is confident that the decision will be overturned in the state appeal court. Even if it was not, and the company would then have further recourse to appeal through the federal courts, this case does not set a precedent for other damages cases.

BAT and the other tobacco companies face more legal challenges and, in all probability, further defeats. The volatility in BAT's share price is, therefore, set to continue.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	1029-1027	Dec	1086 BID
Dec	1038-1037	Mar	1100-1095
Mar	1053-1052	May	1108-1103
May	1062-1061	Jul	1115-1100
Jul	1073 SLR		
Sep	1084 BID		Volume: 3832

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1594-1591	May	1480-1470
Nov	1568-1566	Jul	1470-1460
Jan	1534-1531	Sep	1465-1450
Mar	1492-1491		Volume: 2573

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	336.6-35.0
Spot: n/a		Aug	336.4-34.0
Oct	347.5-46.8	Oct	336.0-21.6
Dec	344.0-42.9	Dec	328.0-21.6
Mar	340.0-39.5		Volume: 2029

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 9

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	107.52	109.11	97.80
(+/-)	+6.47	+8.15	+3.55
Eng/Wales:	107.52	109.38	97.47
(+/-)	+6.47	+8.17	+3.53
(%)	+4.0	-3.0	+21.0
Scotland:	unq	107.40	101.66
(+/-)	—	+7.92	+3.76
(%)	—	-10.0	+20.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	20.70	+0.70
Brent 15 day (Sep)	20.50	+0.60
Brent 15 day (Oct)	20.10	+0.60
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	22.10	+0.60
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	21.55	+0.60

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	204 (n/c)	206 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	183 (n/c)	184 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	87 (n/c)	89 (n/c)
Naphtha	190 (+1)	192 (+1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Sep	180.75-81.00	Dec	177.50-78.00
Oct	180.00-80.25	Jan	175.50-75.75
Nov	178.75-79.25		Vol: 11447

BRENT (6.00pm)

Sep	20.40-20.42	Dec	19.16 BID
Oct	20.00-20.01	Jan	18.75 BID
Nov	19.56-19.58		Vol: 29049

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Sep	109.15	Sep	100.90
Nov	111.25	Nov	103.75
Jan	113.15	Jan	105.90
Mar	115.00	Mar	107.90
May	117.10	May	109.90
Volume: 195		Volume: 57	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	85.0
Mar	—	110.0
Apr	88.0	85.3
		Volume: 177

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Sep 88.75-89.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Sep 96	1150	1145	1153
Oct 96	1246	1230	1246
Jan 97	1260	1240	1258
Apr 97	1265	1265	1263
Vol: 52 lots		Open interest: 3856	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2037.0-2039.0	1938.0-1939.0	1344475
Lead ($/tonne)	644.00-845.00	833.00-834.00	242425
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1012.0-1012.5	1039.0-1039.5	264925
Tin ($/tonne)	6110.0-6115.0	6170.0-6172.0	15480
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1471.0-1471.5	1507.5-1508.0	709375
Nickel ($/tonne)	7105.0-7110.0	7215.0-7220.0	98982

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Dom	420	35	42	48	5	13½	18½
(*446½)	460	12½	20½	27	21	34	39½
ASDA	110	8	11	13	2	5	6½
(*116½)	120	3	6½	8½	7½	9½	11
Boots	600	32	42½	54	8½	18	22
(*618½)	650	8	18	29½	35	44½	48
Br Airways	500	31½	40½	51	8½	16	20½
(*518)	550	8	17	27	34½	41½	47
BP	600	29½	40	49	9½	19½	25
(*613½)	650	8	17½	25½	39	46	51½
Br Steel	160	22	24½	28	1	4	5
(*179½)	180	8	12	15	6½	11½	13
C & W	390	34	43½	51½	5	11	16
(*415)	420	15½	26	35	16	23½	29½
CU	600	22½	39½	47½	17	24½	39½
(*615)	650	5½	16½	25½	51	55	70
ICI	800	21	41	52	28	37	50½
(*803)	850	7	21	31	64½	69½	81½
Land Sec	650	35	42	54	5	13½	16
(*674½)	700	7½	15	27½	28	38	40½
M & S	460	33	40½	49½	4½	9½	13
(*485)	500	9	18½	26½	21½	27½	31
Nat West	650	31	51½	60½	14½	23½	38½
(*661)	700	10½	28	36½	43½	51	66½
Safeway plc	330	21½	29	35½	6½	13½	17
(*342)	360	6½	14½	21	22½	29½	32½
Sainsbury	390	19	27	35½	7	14½	17
(*399)	420	5	13	21	23½	30½	32½
Shell	900	38½	51	63	13	21	31½
(*926½)	950	11½	25½	36	41½	47½	57½
Smkl Bch	687	28	—	—	19½	—	—
(*688½)	736	9½	—	—	51½	—	—
Storehse	300	12½	—	—	8½	—	—
(*301)	330	2½	—	—	29½	—	—
Trafalgar	50	1	—	—	0½	—	—
(*50)	60	0	—	—	10	—	—
Zeneca	1400	68	102	122½	34½	54	66½
(*1432½)	1450	42½	75	95½	60	77½	90½
Series		Aug	Nov	Jan	Aug	Nov	Jan
BAT Ind	460	11	28½	37	6	17	20
(*464)	500	0½	11½	19½	36	41	43½
Vodafone	240	4½	16	19	4	12½	15
(*240)	260	0	8	11	20	24½	27
Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Grnd Met	420	34½	45	51½	0	5	12
(*453½)	460	4½	19½	27½	9½	19	29½
Ladbroke	180	15	19½	24	0	5½	8
(*194½)	200	1½	9	13½	7	15	17½
Utd Bisc	200	12	18½	23	0½	6	9
(*211½)	230	1	8	13½	9	16	19½

August 12, 1996 Tot: 39186 Call: 28533 Put: 10653 FT-SE Call: 10311 Put: 2128

*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	460	28	37	46	6	13	16
(*479½)	500	7½	16½	25½	25½	33	36
Thames W	550	29	40	50	8½	21	26
(*565½)	600	7½	17½	27	37	49½	54
Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BTR	240	19½	22½	26½	0	5	6½
(*259)	260	3½	10½	15½	3½	14	15½
Br Aero	900	42½	64	86	1	19	29
(*940)	950	8	35½	59½	1½	41	51½
Br Telecm	360	18	29	34	1	8	13
(*376½)	390	2	11	17½	13½	21	28
Cadbury	500	18	33	47	1½	15	22½
(*515½)	550	0	11½	25	34½	44½	50½
Guinness	460	15	26	37	1½	12½	16½
(*473)	500	0½	8	17½	27	35½	38
GEC	360	17½	28½	34	1	7	11
(*376½)	390	1	11½	18½	15	20½	25
Hanson	160	5½	10½	13½	1	7½	10½
(*165)	180	0	3½	6	15	20½	23
LASMO	180	6½	13	17½	1	5	7
(*185½)	200	0	4½	8½	14½	16½	18
Lucas	220	13½	22	28½	0½	8	9
(*233)	240	1	11½	17½	8½	16½	18½
Pilkingtn	191	3½	—	—	3	—	—
(*191½)	210	0	—	—	18½	—	—
Prudential	390	28½	35½	44½	0	7	11½
(*418)	420	5	16½	27	6½	19	24½
Redland	420	6½	20½	29	6	20½	25½
(*423)	460	0	7	14	40	48	51
R-Royce	220	5	12½	18½	3	11	14
(*221½)	240	0	5	10½	18½	23½	25½
Tesco	280	18½	25	32½	0	6½	9½
(*298)	300	4	13	21½	5½	15	18½
Williams	330	10	15½	—	1½	11	—
(*336½)	360	0½	4	—	23½	31	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3803)

	3700	3750	3800	3850	3900	3950
Calls						
Aug	104½	58	19	2½	1	1
Sep	134½	95	64	40	22	11
Oct	155	118½	87½	62	40½	25
Nov	173	140	107½	82½	57½	41½
Dec	196	—	134	—	84	—
Puts						
Aug	1½	4½	17½	50½	99	149
Sep	22½	35	54	80	113½	153½
Oct	40	53½	73	97½	126½	162
Nov	54	70½	87½	112½	138½	172½
Dec	70	—	105	—	155½	—

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Apr	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Apr
Abby Nat	550	36	49½	60½	5½	14½	28½
(*585)	600	7	23	34½	30½	38½	54
Amstrad	140	12	14	—	4	10	—
(*145)	160	4	11	—	16½	21	—
Barclays	850	41½	66½	83	9	22	38
(*879)	900	14	38	55	32	44½	62½
Blue Circ	360	19	27½	33	6	12	14½
(*373½)	390	4½	13½	18½	23	28½	30
Br Gas	180	21	23½	26	1½	4	7
(*198½)	200	7½	10	15½	8	13	16½
Dixons	500	22	38	48	9	17½	24
(*510)	550	3½	15½	25½	41	46½	51½
Forte	343	39	—	—	0	—	—
(*381)	373	13	—	—	4	—	—
Tarmac	100	5	8½	11	3½	7½	8½
(*101½)	110	1½	4½	6½	9½	13½	14½
Hillsdwn	190	7½	12	15	3½	8	9½
(*183½)	200	0½	4	6½	17	20½	21½
Lonrho	160	13½	18	21	1	3½	6
(*171)	180	2½	7½	10½	10½	12½	15½
Sears	90	9	11½	—	0½	2	—
(*97½)	100	3	6	—	4	6½	—
Thorn	1700	85	114	—	19	39	—
(*1782½)	1800	22	59	—	68	87½	—
Tomkins	260	11½	19½	24	4½	8	12
(*265)	280	3	10	14½	16½	19	22½
Lloyds TSB	330	20½	31	37	3½	9	17½
(*345½)	360	5	15	21½	18	23½	33
Series		Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Glaxo W	850	57½	81½	96	13½	23½	38½
(*886½)	900	28	53	68½	32½	46½	60½
HSBC	1100	63	91½	107½	21½	38	60
(*1147½)	1150	36	65	81	43½	61½	84½
Reuter	700	56½	77	87½	10	22	30½
(*739)	750	27	48	59½	29½	43½	52½
Series		Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Royal & Sun	360	24½	34½	39	7	14	21
(*386)	394	11	21½	25	21	28	36
Series		Oct	Feb	May	Oct	Feb	May
Kingfishr	600	52½	72	79½	5½	16½	24
(*645)	650	19½	42	50	23½	37	45½
Series		Oct	Dec	Mar	Oct	Dec	Mar
Unilever	1200	66	79½	97	6	16	21
(*1246½)	1250	31½	44	65½	22½	35	40
Series		Sep	Dec	Apr	Sep	Dec	Apr
Natl Pwr	400	17½	29½	40½	6½	17	22
(*410)	450	1	9½	19	40½	47	51
Scot Pwr	323	8	15½	22	12½	18½	25
(*327)	353	1	6½	11½	38½	39½	44½

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 65465	Sep 96	3804.0	3821.0	3799.0	3811.0	5417
	Dec 96	3837.5	3837.5	3837.5	3832.5	265
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 3491	Sep 96	4330.0	4330.0	4330.0	4330.0	1
	Dec 96					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 416399	Sep 96	94.18	94.19	94.16	94.18	4859
	Dec 96	94.08	94.11	94.07	94.10	10919
	Mar 97	93.87	93.90	93.85	93.88	5957
Three Mth Euro Yen	Dec 96	99.06	99.07	99.06	99.06	200
	Mar 97				98.83	0
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 1042354	Sep 96	96.70	96.71	96.67	96.68	11422
	Dec 96	96.67	96.68	96.63	96.63	15479
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 152188	Sep 96	108-00	108-03	107-26	107-30	21954
	Dec 96	107-04	107-11	107-03	107-06	354
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 96	120.25	120.36	120.25	120.33	3001
	Dec 96	118.98	119.17	118.98	119.04	1990
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 250312	Sep 96	97.90	98.05	97.75	97.76	71871
	Dec 96	97.18	97.18	96.92	96.89	2625
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 26424	Sep 96	95.49	95.49	95.45	95.48	741
	Dec 96	95.40	95.50	95.48	95.49	526
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 75709	Sep 96	97.74	97.77	97.66	97.69	5451
	Dec 96	97.66	97.67	97.56	97.59	4799
Italian Guvmt Bond Previous open interest: 69153	Sep 96	115.78	115.98	115.50	115.78	27495
	Dec 96	115.00	115.20	115.00	115.14	105

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¾ Low 5½ Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 5¾ . 3 mth 5[illegible] . Sell: 2 mth 5[illegible] ; 3 mth: 5[illegible] .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6⅛-6
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6⅛-6

Overnight: open 5[illegible], close 6 .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	5¾	5¾	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.33	n/a	5.41	5.59	5.76
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5-4
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4-3
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	2¼-2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $387.40-387.70 Close: $387.70-388.20 High: $388.90-389.40
Low: $386.00-386.50 AM: $387.20 PM: $387.15

Krugerrand: $387.00-389.00 (£249.00-251.00)

Platinum: $398.50 (£257.10) Silver: $5.10 (£3.275) Palladium: $128.25 (£82.75)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for August 12	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5655-2.5706	2.5680-2.5706	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	47.110-47.255	47.163-47.255	13-8pr	33-26pr
Copenhagen	8.8420-8.8634	8.8531-8.8634	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dublin	0.9607-0.9633	0.9614-0.9627	2pr-1ds	3pr-2ds
Frankfurt	2.2859-2.2907	2.2883-2.2907	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	235.04-235.71	235.38-235.70	[illegible]	[illegible]
Madrid	194.77-195.25	194.96-195.25	25-35ds	74-91ds
Milan	2349.0-2355.2	2350.2-2353.6	6-8ds	17-19ds
Montreal	2.1231-2.1291	2.1270-2.1291	0.31-0.26pr	0.61-0.53pr
New York	1.5500-1.5524	1.5514-1.5524	0.07-0.05pr	0.15-0.12pr
Oslo	9.8960-9.9343	9.9162-9.9343	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	7.8180-7.8373	7.8307-7.8373	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	10.293-10.338	10.317-10.338	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	166.84-167.20	166.84-167.05	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	16.080-16.119	16.101-16.119	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	1.8590-1.8634	1.8600-1.8633	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Enfel

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2860-1.2868
Austria	10.37-10.38
Belgium (Com)	30.41-30.42
Canada	1.3710-1.3715
Denmark	5.7065-5.7095
France	5.0460-5.0480
Germany	1.4753-1.4758
Hong Kong	7.7355-7.7365
Ireland	1.6120-1.6130
Italy	1516.10-1516.30
Japan	107.65-107.70
Malaysia	2.4915-2.4925
Netherlands	1.6552-1.6557
Norway	6.3970-6.4000
Portugal	151.77-151.87
Singapore	1.4135-1.4145
Spain	125.72-125.75
Sweden	6.6455-6.6555
Switzerland	1.2000-1.2010

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5510-1.5536
Australia dollar	1.9951-1.9970
Bahrain dinar	0.5785-0.5905
Brazil real*	1.5666-1.6708
China yuan	n/a
Cyprus pound	0.7070-0.7170
Finland markka	6.8375-6.9535
Greece drachma	362.50-369.50
Hong Kong dollar	11.9962-12.0055
India rupee	54.82-55.78
Indonesia rupiah	3595.00-3663.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4590-0.4690
Malaysia ringgit	3.8648-3.8686
New Zealand dollar	2.2593-2.2624
Pakistan rupee	54.80 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5825-5.7000
Singapore dollar	2.1921-2.1950
S Africa rand (com)	6.9710-7.0730
U A E dirham	5.6350-5.7590

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	98	Marks Spr	2,500
ASDA Gp	3,600	NatWst Bk	2,500
Abbey Ntl	1,300	Nat Grid	3,000
Allied Dom	305	Nat Power	1,600
Argos	129	Next	181
AB Foods	144	Orange	2,700
BAA	1,000	P & O	473
BAT Inds	30,800	Pearson	740
BOC	440	Pilkington	215
BP	3,300	PowerGen	385
BSkyB	367	Prudential	3,100
BTR	4,100	RMC	424
BT	9,000	RTZ	2,000
Bk of Scot	4,500	Railtrack	1,800
Barclays	3,700	Rank Org	2,100
Bass	366	Reckitt Col	60
Blue Circle	204	Redland	1,700
Boots	1,200	Reed Intl	1,800
BAe	718	Rentokil	692
BA	677	Reuters	2,300
Brit Gas	10,200	Rolls Royce	1,900
Brit Steel	3,800	Royal & Sun	1,500
Burmah Cstl	196	Royal Bk Sct	269
Burton	536	Safeway	1,000
Cable Wire	1,500	Sainsbury	2,400
Cadbury	735	Schroders	47
Carlton Cms	134	Scot & New	513
Cm Union	323	Scot Power	444
Cookson	1,100	Svrn Trent	389
Courtaulds	917	Shell Trans	1,200
Dixons	441	Siebe	521
Enterpr Oil	627	Smkl Bch	2,100
GKN	364	Smith Nph	3,200
GRE	109	Smiths Inds	406
GUS	1,800	Sthern Elec	74
Gen Acc	247	Std Chartd	656
Gen Elec	4,800	TI Gp	897
Glaxo Well	1,600	Tate & Lyle	940
Granada	730	Tesco	1,000
Grand Met	3,300	Thames W	128
Guinness	581	Thrn EMI	413
HSBC	1,200	Tomkins	3,500
Hanson	9,000	Unilever	513
ICI	864	Utd Utilities	627
Kingfisher	877	Utd News	482
LASMO	1,400	Vodafone	2,400
Ladbroke	2,300	Whitbread	1,300
Land Secs	1,100	Wlms Hld	333
Legal & Gn	401	Wolseley	966

WALL STREET

	Aug 12 midday	Aug 9 close
AMP Inc	39½	39½
AMR Corp	84½	85½
ASA	40½	40½
AT & T	54½	54½
Abbott Labs	45½	46½
Advanced Micro	13½	13½
Aetna Life	64½	64½
Ahmanson (HF)	25½	26
Air Prod & Chem	54½	54½
AirTouch Comm	27½	27
Alberto-Culver B	42½	42½
Albertsons	40½	40½
Alcan Alumnm	30½	30½
Alco Standard	47½	47½
Allied Signal	62	62½
Alum Co of Am	60½	60½
Amax Gold Inc	6½	6
Amerada Hess	48½	47½
Amer Brands	44	44½
Amer El Power	41½	42
Amer Express	45½	45½
Amer Genl Corp	36½	36½
Amer Home Pr	56½	56½
Amer Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Stores	38½	38½
Amer Standard	32½	32½
Ameritech	54½	55½
Amoco	68½	68½
Anheuser-Busch	73½	73½
Apple Computer	22½	23½
Archer Daniels	17½	18½
Armco	4½	4½
Armstrng Wrld	59½	60½
Asarco	24½	24½
Atl Richfield	116½	118
Auto Data Pr	41½	41½
Avery Dennison	52½	52½
Avon Products	45½	45½
Baker Hughes	29½	30½
Baltim Gas & El	25½	25½
Banc One	37½	37½
BankAmerica	83½	83½
Bank of NY	27½	27½
Bankers Tr NY	77½	76½
Barnett Banks	64½	64
Bausch & Lomb	37½	37½
Baxter Intl	42½	42½
Becton Dickinsn	83½	83
Bell Atlantic	59½	60½
Bell Industries	16½	16½
BellSouth	39½	39½
Black & Decker	38½	38½
Block (H&R)	27½	27½
Boeing	90½	91
Boise Cascade	33½	34½
Bristol Myrs Sq	88½	88½
Browning Ferris	24½	24½
Brunswick	20½	20½
Burlington Nthn	80½	80½
CMS Energy Corp	30½	30½
CNA Financial	109½	110½
CPC Intl	67½	68½
CSX	48½	48
Campbell Soup	69½	70½
Can Pacific	21½	21½
Carolina Pwr	36½	36½
Caterpillar	66½	66½
Central & SW	26½	26½
Champion Intl	43½	43½
Chase Manhat	74	73
Chevron Corp	58½	57½
Chrysler	28½	28½
Chubb Corp	45½	44½
Cigna Corp	116	115½
Citicorp	80½	80½
Clorox	97½	98½
Coastal Corp	41½	40½
Coca Cola	49	49½
Colgate-Palmolive	81½	81½
Columbia Gas	55½	54½
ColumbiaHCA	55	55½
Compaq Comp	56½	57½
Comp Ass Intl	57½	56½
Conagra	43½	43½
Conrail	68½	69
Cons Edison	27½	27½
Cons Nat Gas	52½	51½
Cooper Inds	38½	39
Corestates	40½	40½
Corning Inc	37½	38
Crown Cork	47½	47½
Dana Corp	28½	28½
Dayton Hudson	34½	34½
Deere	36½	36½
Delta Air Lines	71½	72½
Deluxe Corp	38½	38
Digital Equip	38½	39½
Dillards Dept St	34	34½
Disney (Walt)	57½	57
Dominion Res	38½	38½
Donnelley (RR)	32½	32½
Dover Corp	44½	44½
Dow Chemical	77½	77½
Dow Jones	40½	40
Dresser	28½	28½
Duke Power	48½	48½
Dun & Bradstreet	57½	57½
Du Pont	82½	82½
Eastman Chem	52½	52½
Eaton Corp	55½	56½
Edison Intl	16	16½
Emerson Elec	86½	87½
Engelhard Corp	20½	20½
Enron Corp	39½	39½
Entergy	25½	25½
Ethyl Corp	9½	9
Exxon	80½	80½
FMC Corp	66½	66½
FPL Group	46½	46½
Federal Express	75½	75½
Fed Nat Mtge	33½	33½
First Bk Sys	62½	62½
First Union Rlty	6½	6½
Fleet Finl Grp	43	42½
Fluor Corp	65½	65½
Ford Motor	33½	33½
GTE Corp	41½	41½
Gannett	68½	68½
Gap Inc Del	34½	35½
Gen Dynamics	65	65½
Gen Electric	84½	83½
Gen Mills	54½	54½
Gen Motors	52½	51½
Gen Reinsurance	150	149½
Gen Signal	38½	38½
Genuine Parts	43½	43½
Georgia Pac	75½	76
Gillette	61½	62
Glaxo Wellc ADR	28½	27½
Goodrich (BF)	37½	38
Goodyear Tire	45½	45½
Grace (W&R)	54½	54½
Grt All Pac Tea	27½	27½
Great Wstn Fin	24½	24½
Halliburton	53½	54½
Harcourt General	47½	48½
Heinz (HJ)	32½	33½
Hercules	51	51½
Hershey Foods	84½	84
Hewlett Packard	45	45½
Hilton Hotels	110½	109½
Home Depot	54½	54½
Homestake Mng	16½	16½
Honeywell	56½	56½
Household Intl	76½	77½
Houston Inds	23	23½
Humana	19	19½
ITT Corp	58½	58½
Illinois Tool	68½	68½
Illinova	26½	26½
INCO	30½	31
Ingersoll Rand	45½	45½
Inland Steel	17½	18½
Intel Corp	82	82½
IBM	112½	112½
Intl Flav & Fr	44½	45
Intl Paper	40½	40
James River Va	25½	26
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	50½	51½
Kellogg	75½	75½
Kerr-McGee	57½	57½
Kimberly-Clark	77½	77½
Kmart	10½	10½
Knight-Ridder	33½	33½
Lilly (Eli)	56½	57½
Limited Inc	19½	19
Lincoln Nat	44½	44½
Litton	44½	44½
Liz Claiborne	33½	33½
Lockheed Martin	85½	86
Louisiana Pac	21½	21½
MCI Comm	26½	26½
Marriott Intl	50	50½
Marsh & McLnn	91½	92½
Masco Corp	29½	29
May Dept St	45½	46½
Maytag Corp	20½	20½
McDonalds	47½	47½
McDonnell D	49½	49½
McGraw Hill	40½	40½
Mead Corp	57½	57½
Medtronic	53½	53½
Mellon Bk	55½	54½
Melville Corp	42½	42½
Merck Inc	68	67½
Merrill Lynch	64½	65
Microsoft	125	124½
Minnesota Mine	65½	65½
Mobil Corp	110½	110½
Monsanto	31½	31½
Morgan (JP)	89½	90
Motorola Inc	55½	56½
Natl Semi	15½	15½
Natl Service Ind	38½	38½
Navistar Intl	9½	9½
NY Times A	30½	30
Newmont Mng	53½	52½
Niag Mohawk	8½	8½
Nike B	106	106½
NL Industries	10	10½
Noram Energy	14½	14½
Nordstrom	38½	38½
Norfolk Sthrn	82½	82½
Nthn State Pwr	45½	45½
Norwest Corp	37½	37½
Nynex Corp	44½	45½
Occidental Pet	23½	23½
Ohio Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oryx Energy Co	16½	16½
Overseas Ship	19½	19½
Owens Corning	38½	38½
PHH Corp	26½	27
PPG Industries	51½	51½
PNC Bank	30½	30½
PP&L Res	22½	22½
Paccar Inc	45½	45½
Pacificorp	21½	21½
Pac Enterprises	31	29½
Pac Gas & Elect	20½	20½
Pac Telesis	34½	34½
Pall Corp	24½	24½
Parker Hannifin	36½	36
Peco Energy	24½	24½
Penney (JC)	53½	53½
Pennzoil	51½	51½
Pepsico	30½	30½
Pfizer	72	71½
Pharm & Upjhn	42½	42½
Phelps Dodge	60½	60½
Philip Morris	93	102
Phillips Pet	39½	39½
Pitney Bowes	49½	49½
Polaroid	42½	43½
PriceCostco	20½	21
Procter & Gmbl	86½	87½
Providian	40	40½
Pub Serv E & G	27	26½
Quaker Oats	31½	32½
Ralston Purina	65½	65
Raychem Corp	69½	69½
Raytheon	50½	51½
Reebok Intl	35½	35½
Reynolds Metals	50½	51
Rockwell Intl	54½	55½
Rohm & Haas	61½	61½
Royal Dutch	150½	150½
Rubbermaid	28½	28½
SBC Comms	49½	49½
Safeco Corp	33½	33½
St Paul's Cos	51½	52
Salomon Inc	44½	44½
Sara Lee Corp	32	32
Schering Plough	56½	57
Schlumberger	83½	85
Seagram	34	34½
Sears Roebuck	45	44½
Shell Trans	86½	86½
Sherwin Wllms	46½	46½
Skyline Corp	25½	25½
Snap-On-Tools	45½	45½
Southern Co	22½	22½
Sprint Corp	38½	38½
Stanley Works	29½	29½
Sun Company	25½	25½
Sun Microsys	55½	55½
Suntrust	38½	38½
Supervalu	27½	28
Sysco Corp	30½	30½
TRW Inc	93½	93½
TCC Inds	2½	2½
Tandem Comp	11½	11½
Tandy Corp	45½	45½
Teledyne	39½	39½
Temple Inland	51	51
Tenneco	50½	51
Texaco	86½	86½
Texas Inst	46½	46½
Texas Utilities	42½	42½
Textron	84½	84
Time Warner	35½	35½
Times-Mirror A	43½	43½
Timken	37½	37½
Torchmark	43½	43½
Toys R Us	26½	26½
Transamerica	71½	71½
Travelers	45½	45½
Tribune	71½	71½
Tyco Intl	42½	43½
UST Inc	31½	31½
UAL	51½	52½
US Inds	25½	25½
US West Comm	30½	30½
USX Marathon	20½	20½
Unicom	24½	24½
Unilever NV	141½	141½
Union Camp	50½	50½
Union Carbide	43½	43½
Union Pacific	70½	70½
Unisys Corp	6	5½
USAIR Group	18½	19
USF&G Corp	16½	16½
US Life	30½	30½
United Tech	116½	117½
Unocal Corp	35½	35½
VF Corp	57½	57½
WMX Tech	31½	31½
Wal-Mart Stores	25½	25½
Warner-Lambert	56½	57½
Wells Fargo	247½	243½
Westinghouse El	16½	16½
Weyerhaeuser	43½	44½
Whirlpool	49½	49½
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Winn Dixie	35½	35½
Woolworth	20½	20½
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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Capel team decamps

ANOTHER wave of resignations has hit HSBC James Capel, the securities firm dogged by talk of internal strife. In the latest shake-out, most of Capel's pan-European equity derivatives team has decamped to NatWest Securities.

Jason Good, Simon Monson, and Raoul Pal, join NatWest's London operation, reporting to Shaun Cutler. In Hong Kong, Tom Ashworth, former head of UK derivative sales at Capel, has resigned after ten years to join Wheelock NatWest Securities, the bank's local joint venture.

The departures are a blow to Capel, which has lost three European salesmen and four long-serving UK sales traders in recent weeks. NatWest came top in the annual Extel investment analysts' survey, pipping Capel, which formerly held the crown for 11 years in a row.

Party time

JOHN KEMP-WELCH had better not be superstitious. The Stock Exchange chairman is inviting City VIPs to celebrate the tenth anniversary ofBig Bang a month before the actual date on October 27. A reconstruction of Jonathan's Coffee House from the 18th century, waiters in bowler hats, and caricaturists are all in place for the party on September 25 that is to be held on the old market trading floor. But why so early? According to the Stock Exchange: "We're leasing the floor to Liffe, and this is the only week free. I'm sure it's nothing. Our guests are all very empirically minded."

Kemp-Welch: better not be superstitious

JUREK SIKORSKI, the newly appointed chief executive of Cantab Pharmaceuticals, ought to bring a touch of Poland to the Cambridge company. Sikorski, 44, was born in a refugee camp in Cirencester, where his parents met and married. Sikorski and his family lived there for eight years. Now the father of two makes an annual pilgrimage to visit his relatives in Poland.

Dream date

BACK at her old desk in Victoria Street yesterday as director of PR firm Atkinson Courage, Jane Atkinson, the Princess of Wales's former publicity adviser, who now looks after Avis Europe and the Equal Opportunities Commission, appears to have had a shaky start. Reinstating herself in the City, Atkinson plumped for Lord Archer as her first luncheon date at Le Caprice, describing him as "every lady who lunches' dream".

Off the hook

BT LET a North Yorkshire village hall off the hook yesterday, after originally insisting it pay £475 for a 20-hour call to a chat hotline. The Sharow-based committee were astonished to receive a £520 demand — almost 12 times the size of its normal quarterly bill. This one, however, indicated that someone had rung up "Friendly Chatterway" and failed to replace the receiver. The committee made an impassioned plea to BT, arguing that the call must have been made by a trespasser, and the bill has now been waived.

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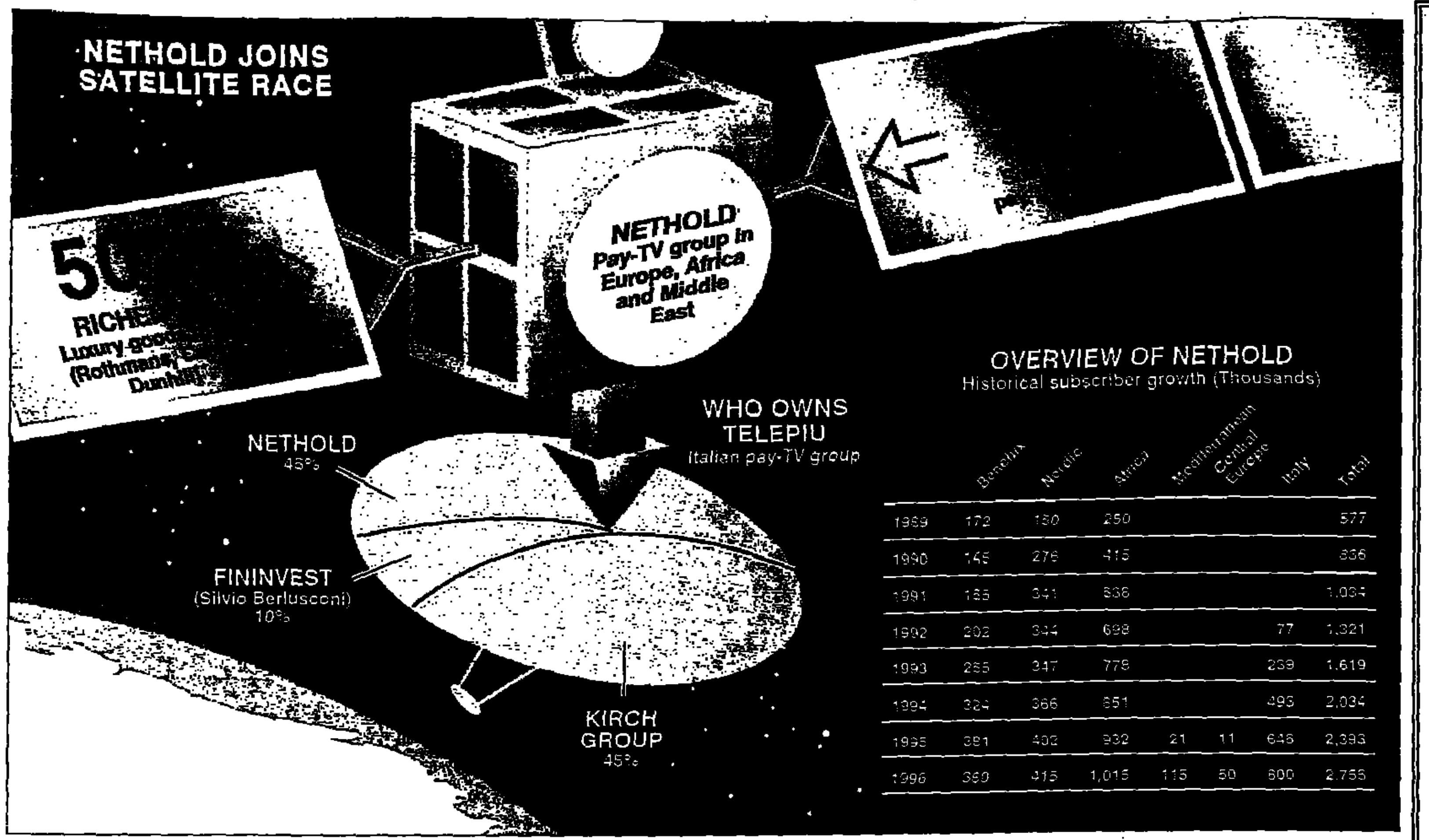

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NETHOLD
Pay-TV group in Europe, Africa and Middle East
WHO OWNS TELEPIU
Italian pay-TV group
NETHOLD 45%
FININVEST (Silvio Berlusconi) 10%
KIRCH GROUP 45%

OVERVIEW OF NETHOLD

Historical subscriber growth (Thousands)

	Benelux	Nordic	Africa	Mediterranean	Central Europe	Italy	Total
1989	172	155	250				577
1990	145	276	415				836
1991	155	341	538				1,034
1992	202	344	698			77	1,321
1993	255	347	778			239	1,619
1994	324	366	851			493	2,034
1995	381	402	932	21	11	646	2,393
1996	560	415	1,015	115	50	600	2,755

Link-up that could raise the stakes in satellite TV wars

Eric Reguly looks into the latest planned alliance in television's hottest market

A powerful new player is set to take the burgeoning digital television industry by storm. DirecTV, an American pay-TV company owned by General Motors, and NetHold, the South African group that launched Europe's first digital TV service in 1995, are expected to unveil a global partnership before the end of the month.

Together, DirecTV and NetHold would have operations in the US, South America, Japan, Africa, the Middle East and several European countries. They would be able to provide everything from satellites and subscriber managements systems to decoders and programmes such as movies and sport. But their greatest strength is financial might, enabling them to compete with the likes of BSkyB of Britain, Kirch and Bertelsmann of Germany, CLT of Luxembourg, and Canal Plus and Havas of France as they form partnerships of their own to attack TV's hottest market.

General Motors is the world's largest carmaker and controls DirecTV through Hughes Electronics, one of the leading players in satellites and defence electronics. NetHold is owned equally by MIH, the South African pay-TV company, and Richemont, the overseas investment arm of South Africa's billionaire Rupert family.

Richemont's consumer portfolio includes luxury brands such as Rothmans, Peter Stuyvesant, Cartier, Dunhill, Piaget and Montblanc. One senior pay-TV executive said: "When you have companies the size of GM and Richemont committed to this industry, they could become very effective competition down the road."

DirecTV and NetHold would not comment on their negotiations. The speculation is that DirecTV will put as much as $1 billion of new capital into NetHold, taking a minority stake of perhaps 30 per cent in exchange. Jean-Louis Erneux, a NetHold spokesman, would say only that "we are very open to the idea of partnerships".

In the spring, Celso Avezedo, senior vice-president of DirecTV International of Los Angeles, the company's overseas arm, said that he hoped to strike a deal with a European partner in the near future. At the time, he noted that the deep pockets of General Motors and DirecTV's own track record would make it an ideal marriage candidate. He said: "We are the only digital TV company that has put together a system for millions of subscribers for more than 100 channels. We've done it in the US and in Latin America."

DirecTV was launched in late 1994, making it the world's first digital satellite broadcaster, and has taken off, at amazing speed. By the spring of this year, it had 1.4 million subscribers and will probably finish the year with more than twice that number. It bombards viewers with 175 channels and owes much of its growth to coverage of the National Football League games and Hollywood films.

In January, DirecTV got a vote of confidence when AT&T, America's largest long-distance phone company, bought a 2.5 per cent stake for $137.5 million, valuing it at $5.5 billion. AT&T is using its own salesforce to recruit DirecTV customers and has an option to increase its stake to 30 per cent over five years.

General Motors and Hughes have made overseas expansion a priority for DirecTV. In partnership with four South American telecoms and media companies, it recently launched a 200-channel Spanish and Portuguese service called Galaxy Latin America. It will compete with a similar service started by The News Corporation, the ultimate owner of *The Times* and 40 per cent of BSkyB, along with partners from Mexico and Brazil. Next year DirecTV will launch DirecTV in Japan.

NetHold, based in The Netherlands, is a remarkable story of a broadcaster that has come out of nowhere to become one of the world's top satellite TV businesses. The company's roots go back to 1985 when M-Net, the first pay-TV channel in the southern hemisphere, was founded in South Africa by Ton Volsoo, a former Afrikaner newspaperman, and Koos Becker, an Afrikaner law graduate who was studying electronic communications at Columbia University.

By 1990, M-Net had 500,000 subscribers and became one of the glamour stocks on the Johannesburg stock exchange. At the time, South Africa was still a pariah state and the prospect of expanding M-Net throughout Africa and into Europe was unimaginable. But the social and political reforms of F. W. de Klerk, then President, were to make South African companies more acceptable on the international stage.

In 1991, Richemont and M-Net got together to buy FilmNet, a pay-TV channel broadcasting in the Benelux and Nordic countries. Two years later, FilmNet and M-Net split their activities, forming a channel company and a subscriber management company, called Multichoice. NetHold was formed in 1995 through the consolidation of all these companies, and Mr Becker was made chief executive.

By then, NetHold had expanded across Africa and into southern and central Europe. Its greatest success came in Italy, where it owns 45 per cent of Telepiù (TV-plus), the Italian pay-TV operator that has the exclusive rights to live Italian football league games. Telepiù also gave NetHold a direct link to the Kirch group, which also owns 45 per cent, and Fininvest, the holding company of Silvio Berlusconi, the former Italian Prime Minister, with 10 per cent. Kirch and NetHold jointly developed the "D-Box", the digital decoder that stands a good chance of becoming the European standard.

Telepiù now has more than 800,000 subscribers, accounting for almost one in three of NetHold's total subscriber base of 2.8 million across Africa, the Middle East and Europe. Subscribers in the Benelux and Nordic countries have been tougher recruits for NetHold. The number of Benelux subscribers has fallen slightly — to about 360,000 at last count — because of competing commercial channels.

NetHold has embarked on a drive to supplement its analogue service with digital broadcasting, which offers virtually unlimited capacity and the potential for technological marvels such as interactivity and "near-video" on demand.

About 80,000 of its subscribers take the new digital service and the number is expected to grow dramatically in the next few years. BSkyB plans to do the same in Britain.

Robert Hersov, who is the executive director of NetHold and chief executive of Telepiù, said that NetHold's primary strength was providing the technological "platform" — the satellite distribution, subscriber management and decoding systems — that makes satellite broadcasting possible. "Our intention was never to make money on the technology itself," he said. "It was to drive costs down to allow us to get into new markets."

On the technology front, DirecTV will be hard to beat. But neat gizmos and deep pockets will not necessarily allow it to stitch together a global digital-TV network with ease. Digital TV is a rich prize and it is certain to be challenged by several equally powerful alliances.

Last month, Kirch and BSkyB formed a partnership with DFI to launch a 17-channel digital satellite service in Germany.

BSkyB and Kirch have the financial clout to buy the sports and movie rights needed to lure customers — Kirch recently won the rights to football's 2002 and 2006 World Cup finals outside of North America — and will inevitably expand into untouched markets in Russia and Eastern Europe.

A partnership between DirecTV and NetHold can only raise the stakes in the satellite TV wars and will inevitably lure other alliances into the fray.

Telepiù has exclusive rights to live Italian football games featuring the likes of Milan's Dejan Savicevic, left, and Roberto Baggio

JANET BUSH

Franc in toils over Treaty

Eddie George may yearn for the day when the Bank of England has proper independence from political control but for now he must be thankful not to be Jean-Claude Trichet, his opposite number at the Bank of France. Our Governor has had to swallow some blokish joshing from the Chancellor about always being too pessimistic about inflation but M Trichet appears to be subject to no less than a concerted political campaign against him.

The French franc took a dive on Friday after the French Government announced a move to prosecute former bosses of the state-owned bank Crédit Lyonnais. The move was seen as a rebuke to M Trichet, banking supervisor at the time. In last year's presidential campaign, Jacques Chirac upbraided M Trichet for calling for wage restraint; last month he criticised banking supervision and complained that interest rates were too high.

Of course, some of this is down to political rivalry. Kenneth Clarke has the relative luxury of taking final decisions on interest rates. President Chirac, a far larger ego, has to play second fiddle to M Trichet, an independent central banker and former aide to Edouard Balladur, Mr Chirac's erstwhile rival. With unemployment at record levels, M Trichet is an ideal scapegoat.

Speculation about a Chirac/Trichet rift, which sent the franc down on Friday, seemed to have blown over yesterday. But the difficulties between the two men goes to the heart of France's current dilemma.

President Chirac is looking for an exit route from economic stagnation and M Trichet is blocking it. In spite of speculation that France has asked Germany for a delay to the 1999 start date for monetary union, President Chirac and the French Establishment remain absolutely committed to the project — sooner or later. That means more deficit reduction to get borrowing down to the magic Maastricht limit of 3 per cent of GDP. The 1997 budget, due late next month, will promise to freeze public spending but this won't be enough. Adrian Owens of Julius Baer Bank believes that further cuts worth 1 per cent of GDP would have to be found to meet the Maastricht deficit rule.

With unemployment at 12.5 per cent, there will be more social unrest this autumn as public spending is frozen or cut. And popular discontent is more than justified given that the Government promised in the 1994 parliamentary elections to reduce the tax burden, a pledge repeated by Mr Chirac. Worse, the constant tightening of the fiscal screws is digging a huge economic hole.

The economy just cannot grow enough. Julian Jessop of Nikko Europe reckons that growth will only be 0.6 per cent this year, not the 1.3 per cent the Government hopes for. The deficit will worsen and France will fall rapidly behind a recovering Germany, so creating the economic divergence that contradicts the entire design of Maastricht.

The escape route is monetary. French rates could be cut even if German ones aren't. A fall in the franc, far from being a disaster, would be invaluable. Why, Mr Chirac may argue, is M Trichet so intent on keeping the franc within its old narrow ERM bands when the system is operating wide 15 per cent limits? The franc could fall nearly 15 per cent and still meet the currency criteria of Maastricht.

M Trichet will not countenance such a travesty. If the commitment to a strong franc faltered, he would argue, the slide could become unstoppable and rates would rise sharply. But why should this be so? First, currency dealers would probably see the franc as a bargain, even 5 per cent below current levels. Secondly, investors might like French bonds more rather than less if a currency depreciation rescued the economy.

The argument is likely to be settled by default. By the end of this year, the markets will see how anaemic growth has been and how much more intractable the deficit problem has become, and will deliver Mr Chirac's franc depreciation without M Trichet's permission.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Alliance of BA and American will lead to more transatlantic competition

From the Chief Executive of British Airways

Sir, To the complete contrary of what Richard Branson says in his letter (Business Letters, August 9), the alliance between British Airways and American Airlines will increase airline competition across the Atlantic.

Its approval hinges on the UK and US Governments agreeing to end their remaining restrictions, allowing any airline from the two companies to fly as often as they like on any route between Britain and the United States.

Airlines are already lining up to take advantage of this, and that can only mean more competition. For the consumer, that means more downward pressure on fares, which have already fallen by 40 per cent in five years, with British Airways offering lower public fares to the United States than any other UK or US airline. And it can only mean more upwards pressure on quality standards.

The all-party House of Commons Transport Select Committee is the only independent arbiter so far to reach conclusions on the full arguments for an against our alliance. It has urged a quick decision; it has found that it could be a means of ensuring that the UK remains a major player in the world air transport industry; and has concluded that it should not be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

British Airways has wanted to fly within the United States for ten years but, as Mr Branson knows full well, the US Congress has never allowed any foreign airline to do so.

And they will not do so in the future.

Yours faithfully
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Crossed lines over telephone banking

From Mr Ken Hughes

Sir, Mr Lloyd (Business Letters, August 6) highlights the way in which the banks apparently used new technology to perpetuate outmoded, but profitable, practices at the expense of customer service.

A similar situation exists in the fast-expanding telephone banking sector, where the benignly acronymed BACS system is used to transfer funds between accounts.

Whenever I use it to pay a bill, for example, I am assured by the banking representative that the funds will:

☐ Leave my account on the day I specified.

☐ Be transferred to the account I requested.

☐ Take four working days to arrive.

As the 'A' in the BACS acronym represents 'automated', I don't believe the bank writes out and delivers a cheque to complete my transaction. So why does it take four days for the transfer to complete? And where is the money in the meantime, and to whose benefit? I think we all know the answers.

Yours faithfully,
KEN HUGHES,
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From Mr R. E. K. Levett

Sir, Although not a shareholder myself, my heart went out today to the NatWest Bank for having made a profit of only £300 million.

Of course, under such lamentable circumstances, there can be no reasonable alternative to closing 300 branches and prejudicing the livelihood of maybe five times that number of employees.

Yours faithfully,
R. E. K. LEVETT,
Carsten,
Vaux du Varclin,
St Martin,
Guernsey.

Audit liability and 'Caparo'

From Mr Duncan Alexander

Sir, Many shareholders will applaud D. F. Murray's letter (Business Letters, August 6), which calls for more accountability in the audit liability debate. Since the rather strange House of Lords *Caparo* judgment in 1990, investors have lost their right to make investment judgments on audited accounts.

In the longer term, the proposal to open the audit function to other labour groupings such as lawyers, may provide the competitive spur to enable investors to contract around the *Caparo* problem.

Yours faithfully,
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Euro Capital Acc	183.30	196.00	+ 0.50	0.81
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General	273.70	291.20†	+ 0.10	3.01
Global Opps	68.19	72.54	+ 0.16	0.55
Japan	121.30	129.70	+ 0.50	
Managed Inc	48.16	51.23†	+ 0.05	4.68
Mastertrust	167.00	178.60	+ 0.30	1.02
US Emerging Cos	207.70	221.00	+ 1.80	
Ethical	80.54	85.68	+ 0.09	2.49
International	138.20	147.00	+ 0.20	0.79
Dividend & Growth	67.67	71.99†	- 0.03	4.26
Global Gwth & Sec	73.23	78.25	- 0.01	2.34
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Exempt	1088.00	1151.00†	+ 3.00	1.62
Extra Income #	45.42	48.70	+ 0.11	6.69
Far East Emg Eco	130.60	138.80†	- 0.10	0.45
Fixed Interest #	24.78	25.78†	+ 0.03	9.35
Fund Inv Tst	148.40	155.70†		9.85
Japan	186.70	194.10†	+ 1.20	
Latin American	59.81	62.36†	+ 0.09	0.79
Pacific	85.56	89.83	+ 0.17	0.29
Property Share	69.14	72.57†	+ 0.27	2.42
UK Emerging Cos	72.33	78.18†	+ 0.05	1.23
UK Growth	52.69	55.67	+ 0.27	2.11
Aber World Port #	81.41	83.18	+ 0.13	1.89
Ethical	76.45	79.52	+ 0.07	2.22
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Capital	492.70	526.60	+ 0.50	1.19
Balanced	806.10	861.70	+ 0.80	2.42
Accumulator	1547.00	1653.00†	+ 1.00	1.89
Income Trusts				
American Income	60.01	64.030†	+ 0.02	2.49
High Income	451.90	483.00	- 0.10	3.92
Equity Income	251.60	268.90†	+ 0.10	3.93
High Yield	272.80	291.60		4.12
Govt Securities	34.15	36.040	- 0.03	6.06
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	206.10	220.10	- 0.70	0.06
European Growth	53.66	57.260†	- 0.06	0.07
International	188.30	201.20†	+ 0.40	0.11
Japan	208.10	222.40	+ 0.80	
Pacific	420.00	448.90†	+ 0.90	
Secs of America	565.90	603.00	-02.60	0.13
Wrlde Asset Val	56.41	60.300	+ 0.16	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	622.00	664.90	+ 1.20	2.06
Conv & Gilt	47.83	51.130†	+ 0.17	4.24
Smaller Cos	208.60	222.90†	+ 0.20	1.00
2nd Smaller Cos	198.70	212.40	+ 0.10	0.87
Recovery	166.90	178.40†	+ 0.60	1.58
Met Min & Cdty	165.90	177.20	- 0.10	0.18
Overs Earnings	415.50	444.10	+ 0.50	1.09
Technology	221.00	236.20	- 0.70	
UK Special Sits	571.90	611.30	+ 0.10	1.02
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Cntrctd Out Pens	114.50	118.90		3.04
Foundtn Persl Pens	68.32	70.97		1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	81.50	86.70†	+ 0.70	1.01
International	68.45	72.82†		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	331.20	354.40	- 2.30	
Bond	117.00	123.00†	+ 0.50	6.79
Brit Smlr Cos	119.70	127.30	+ 0.50	1.76
Conv & Gen #	68.78	73.17†	- 0.02	5.35
Europe	284.80	302.10	- 0.60	0.58
Euro Smlr Cos	126.10	134.00	+ 0.10	0.59
Income Gwth	370.30	393.90	+ 1.80	4.33
Japan	324.70	345.30	- 2.50	
Latin American	84.82	90.23	- 0.87	0.85
Pacific	116.10	123.50	- 0.90	1.19
UK Smllr Cos	59.54	63.34	+ 0.22	1.25
Japan Fd	877.60	897.90	- 7.40	
Mngd Fd	200.90	213.30		2.82
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Overs	371.60	393.10		0.90
Capital Gwth	126.70	134.00		2.47
Wwide Opps	222.30	235.20		0.88
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Best Inv Fd Inc	417.80	435.30	+ 1.30	2.57
European Bd Inc	95.53	98.88†		6.63
Exempt	80.94	86.32	+ 0.15	2.99
500	510.10	558.60	+ 1.10	2.40
General	321.80	344.60	+ 0.60	2.61
Property	241.30	258.90		5.56
Trustee	220.00	235.50†	+ 0.50	2.45
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.50	100.50†	+ 0.10	4.94
Distribution #	112.50	113.00	+ 0.20	6.16
Extra Income #	135.10	144.40	+ 0.10	4.84
Gilt & Fxd Int	58.40	60.45	+ 0.01	7.91
Income #	575.60	615.60†	+ 0.90	4.80
Income Builder #	69.00	73.60	+ 0.18	5.47
Intl Income	69.81	74.27†	- 0.11	2.63
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	138.20	147.40†	+ 0.50	2.08
FTSE 100	97.99	104.80	+ 0.20	2.73
Leisure	175.80	188.00	+ 0.90	0.72
Recovery	483.90	517.50	+ 0.20	2.73
Smllr Cos Inc	58.01	62.21†	+ 0.11	2.13
Special Sits	382.30	408.90	+ 0.70	0.73
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	169.60	180.20	- 0.90	0.69
Aust Acc	274.90	293.30	- 0.90	1.85
Aust Inc	164.40	175.40	- 0.50	1.85
Euro Gwth Inc	189.00	200.60†	- 1.00	0.49
-do- Accum	205.60	218.20†	- 0.40	0.49
Japan & Gen Inc	152.50	161.50	+ 0.90	
-do- Accum	154.20	163.30	+ 0.90	
Japan Spec Sits	71.67	75.92	+ 0.58	
Worldwide	196.30	208.30†	+ 0.40	0.47
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	129.80	137.10	+ 0.30	
Amer Smlr Cos	164.30	176.60	- 0.30	
Convertibles	59.66	63.93	+ 0.14	4.70
Eastern	298.50	322.00	+ 1.40	0.30
Equity Income	95.87	102.70†	+ 0.30	4.40
European Growth	359.20	382.20	+ 0.70	0.80
Europe	355.00	378.40	+ 0.30	0.80
German Growth	90.09	95.41	- 0.44	0.50
Global Bond	70.23	73.87†	+ 0.07	6.50
Global Growth	146.00	156.30	+ 0.90	0.40
Japan Growth	198.10	211.00	+ 1.40	
Japan Smrlls	167.10	177.60	- 0.30	
Korea Trust	71.02	77.06	+ 0.08	
Portfolio	144.40	154.80	+ 0.60	2.30
-do- Accum	270.30	289.40	+ 0.90	2.30
UK Growth	101.30	108.60	+ 0.50	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	96.82	105.40	+ 0.10	2.50
Select Managers	87.98	94.39	+ 0.13	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	89.56	95.28†		
Special Oppor Inc	60.05	63.88†		
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	137.86	145.89	+ 0.56	1.53
-do- Accum	158.86	168.10	+ 0.65	1.53
Smaller Cos	152.38	161.25	+ 0.47	0.74
Higher Yield #	55.54	58.77†	- 0.14	3.94
American Gth Inc	94.92	100.44†	+ 0.35	
European Growth	165.18	174.80	- 0.88	
-do- Accum	168.50	178.31	- 0.89	
Global Bond Inc #	26.61	27.56	+ 0.03	6.43
Mngd Ptflio Inc	52.47	55.59	+ 0.10	1.43
-do- Accum	54.08	57.20	- 0.11	1.43
Int Spec Opps	164.01	173.56	- 0.01	
Pacific Grth	147.29	155.86	+ 0.46	0.13
UK General #	92.35	97.73†	+ 0.18	2.89
-do- Accum #	98.81	104.56	+ 0.19	2.89
Japan	59.16	62.60†	+ 0.38	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	100.49	104.13		8.48
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	66.11	66.95	- 0.03	6.53
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	187.40	197.20	+ 0.50	1.85
UK Growth	202.50	213.10†	+ 0.60	2.17
UK Income	145.50	153.10		4.55
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 822 100				
Can Gen Dist	229.80	243.50†	+ 1.40	1.63
-do- Income Dist	122.60	130.00	+ 0.60	3.85
-do- Accum	393.60	417.30	- 1.90	3.85
Gilt & Fxd Inc	40.32	42.38†	+ 0.05	6.42
Growth Units	247.00	264.20	+ 1.80	2.06
Bond	177.48	186.70	- 0.10	7.10
Intl Growth	245.28	261.00	+ 0.30	0.20
North American	252.10	268.50†	- 0.90	0.24
Far East	306.00	326.20†	+ 1.30	0.72
UK Smaller Cos	225.10	240.80	+ 1.40	0.92
European	97.33	103.20†	+ 0.10	0.69
Japanese Growth	47.99	50.95	+ 0.46	
High Income	216.30	231.30	+ 1.30	4.26
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	217.40	230.60	- 0.10	
European Inc	93.16	98.60†	+ 0.04	0.51
Smaller Cos (4-1)	107.20	114.10	+ 0.10	1.52
Growth	531.00	564.90	+ 4.90	1.80
Income & Growth #	445.30	473.60†	+ 1.60	4.02
-do- Accum #	673.20	716.20	+ 2.50	4.02
Japan & Gen	68.79	72.96	+ 0.55	
Master Portfolio	£116.25	£120.17†	+52.00	2.04
-do- Accum	£142.96	£147.78	+63.00	2.04
Special Sits	121.90	129.70†	+ 0.50	1.9[illegible]
High Yield	£14.59	£15.05	+ 6.00	4.44

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	100.51	107.23†	+ 0.26	2.38
American Portfolio	120.05	127.60	- 0.78	0.89
European Portfolio	132.75	141.85	- 1.08	0.62
High Income	51.24	51.38†	+ 0.13	7.15
Japanese Portfolio	69.05	73.36†	+ 0.37	
Pacific Portfolio	155.07	168.75	+ 0.06	1.43
UK Equity	96.73	103.35	+ 0.24	3.08
UK Equity & Bd	57.31	60.76	+ 0.17	5.28
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	750.57	761.91		4.32
Fxd In Sec	156.80	156.42		9.14
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	744.15	755.39		4.41
Investment Acc	£33.62	£34.43		
Fixed Int Inc	136.32	136.82		9.15
Fixed Int Acc	225.01	225.91		
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	90.96	96.10	.	3.99
Beck Bio-Tech	41.39	44.92		
Acorn Ethical Tst	181.68	192.76		0.45
City Fin Assets	81.31	85.38	+ 0.09	1.57
City Fin America	110.93	116.49		
City Fin Intl	90.21	94.73		0.45
City Fin Japan	152.03	159.64		
Friars Hse Cap	319.38	339.77†	+ 5.42	2.49
Friars Hse Inc	199.10	211.81	+ 1.68	3.56
Buckley Wrld Gth	143.22	151.81		
J Std Inc/Gth Inc	55.24	58.01		3.32
Shaw Utilities	58.95	60.11	- 0.29	6.06
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	57.37	60.87†	+ 0.18	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	78.52	83.53	- 0.09	
Dragon Growth	71.91	76.90	+ 0.21	0.38
Equity High Inc	89.24	95.72	+ 0.24	4.11
-do- Accum	126.97	136.19	+ 0.34	4.11
Extra Income Inc	26.24	27.62†	- 0.01	7.55
Extra Income Acc	28.45	29.95	- 0.01	7.55
European Gwth	62.58	66.40	+ 0.10	0.96
Evergreen	31.91	34.12	- 0.10	
General Equity	101.58	107.78	+ 0.48	3.09
Japan Growth	50.67	53.90	+ 0.05	
Pedigree Gwth	63.25	67.29	+ 0.35	2.40
Ped Sm Cos Inc	38.22	40.66	+ 0.07	1.48
-do- Accum	40.50	43.08	+ 0.08	1.48
Retirement Inc #	27.62	29.38	+ 0.11	5.74
Special Sits	46.77	49.76	+ 0.24	2.32
UK & Overseas	58.80	62.39	+ 0.17	0.71
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 898 000				
Balanced	67.63	70.44	+ 0.29	4.07
Capital	81.79	85.10	+ 0.37	2.39
High Income	50.71	52.62†	+ 0.02	7.18
Top 50	55.05	57.34	+ 0.33	2.13
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	190.56	198.50	+ 0.53	4.63
Long Gilt	42.61	44.36†	+ 0.08	8.34
Monthly Inc Plus	48.85	50.89	+ 0.01	8.80
Preference Share	47.74	49.73†	+ 0.05	7.84
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	137.10	142.81†	+ 0.33	5.97
Managed Fund	76.25	79.43	+ 0.24	2.70
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	51.34	53.48	+ 0.13	1.78
-do- Accum	60.68	63.21	+ 0.15	1.78
UK & General	95.17	99.14	+ 0.45	2.60
-do- Accum	123.43	128.57	+ 0.57	2.69
UK Growth	188.04	195.87	+ 0.87	1.43
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	211.82	220.65	+ 0.72	0.66
Far Eastern Grth	138.02	143.77	+ 0.73	0.02
Global Bond	83.23	86.70	+ 0.07	5.72
Japan Growth	116.25	121.09	+ 0.84	
North Amer Gth	232.06	241.73	- 0.59	
Oriental Growth	84.62	88.15	+ 0.38	0.28
Worldwide Growth	74.31	77.41	+ 0.15	0.10
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.87	92.87	+ 0.03	5.16
Homemaker Fund	91.28	97.11	+ 0.38	1.56
Quilter Fund	151.71	161.39†	+ 0.54	1.93
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	35.00	37.46†		4.48
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	177.60	188.90	+ 2.20	1.96
Income	70.63	75.14†	+ 0.66	4.83
European	74.67	79.44	+ 0.05	0.83
Recovery	186.20	198.10	+ 1.30	2.10
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	927.60	942.90	.	3.56
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	109.50	116.40	+ 0.30	1.11
Income #	285.10	303.20	+ 1.60	4.17
-do- Accum #	746.00	793.60	+ 4.20	4.17
Smaller Cos	231.10	245.80†	+ 0.60	0.88
-do- Accum	287.00	305.30†	+ 0.90	0.88
Gth Portfolio	100.30	106.70†	+ 0.60	1.59
High Inc Port #	82.01	87.24	+ 0.39	4.36
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1634				
Euro Small Cos	1703.40	1758.20	.	0.01
Japan Small Cos	1235.30	1259.40		2.94
UK Small Cos	2162.00	2251.60		0.87
US Small Cos	2107.90	2153.60		
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	227.50	239.40		0.05
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	165.60	176.10	+ 0.40	1.83
UK High Inc Inc	173.60	184.60	+ 0.40	3.86
-do- Accum	234.40	249.30	+ 0.60	3.86
UK Pref & F I Inc	58.56	62.13	- 0.01	5.95
Environmtl Opps	98.89	105.20	+ 0.20	0.95
UK Smlr Cos #	67.14	71.42	+ 0.10	0.80
Extra Income Inc	48.01	51.07†	- 0.09	8.07
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
American	175.40	185.70	- 0.40	0.43
Convertibles #	22.39	23.79	+ 0.04	5.88
Equity Income #	141.60	150.50	+ 0.30	3.98
Eurofund	63.31	67.00	+ 0.05	0.60
Financial	54.46	57.86	+ 0.28	1.56
Growth & Inc #	282.20	299.80†	+ 0.80	2.92
High Dist #	176.80	187.90	+ 0.40	4.20
International	439.80	467.30†	+ 0.20	0.11
Int Cap Inc	104.30	111.30†	- 0.30	2.43
Latin American	33.15	35.22†	+ 0.06	
Pacific	83.45	88.67	+ 0.28	
Pref High Inc	21.80	23.16†	- 0.02	7.77
Tokyo	226.30	240.10	+ 0.30	
UK Smaller Cos	255.40	271.40	+ 0.80	1.11
Dunedin Unit Trusts				
European Gwth	333.50	352.60	+ 0.10	1.02
New Asia	232.90	249.00	+ 0.40	0.23
Japan Growth	112.10	119.30	+ 0.60	
Jap Smlr Co	468.00	498.10	+ 1.60	
Nth Amer	408.80	433.10†	- 2.90	0.68
UK Inc & Gth	246.30	264.00	- 1.10	2.87
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
BRI Director Digs	114.29	122.24	+ 1.29	1.22
Growth Acc	251.70	268.83	+ 6.22	0.34
Income	580.77	618.52†	- 6.46	6.12
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	226.40	240.60		0.98
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	91.55	96.37	- 0.21	1.99
Ethical Tst	47.34	49.83	- 0.08	0.88
Far Eastern	309.42	325.70†	+ 0.08	1.53
High Income	137.28	144.51	- 0.09	5.02
UK Index Trckng	49.02	51.60†	+ 0.04	3.37
Intl Growth	144.96	152.58	- 0.18	0.27
North American	144.88	152.51	- 0.83	1.68
Pelican	138.23	145.51	+ 0.08	3.78
Smaller Cos	72.14	75.94	+ 0.26	2.79
Special Sits	92.92	97.81	+ 0.01	2.60
Tst of Inv Tsts	212.76	223.96†	+ 0.20	1.31
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	235.72	250.77	- 0.36	1.48
Smaller Cos Acc	420.07	449.88	- 0.64	1.48
Recovery	59.84	63.66	+ 0.18	1.67
Recovery Acc	61.83	65.78	+ 0.18	1.67
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	84.06	90.14	+ 0.08	
Fd of Inv Tsts	51.51	54.94†	+ 0.09	0.53
High Income #	37.19	39.86†	- 0.05	11.54
Managed	47.06	51.15	+ 0.07	
Zero Preference	43.15	45.78	+ 0.15	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	90.82	96.61†	+ 0.12	2.70
United Charities	311.80	331.70	+ 1.50	2.42
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.20
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.76	27.85†	-27.85	
Intl Bond	29.29	30.37†	- 0.06	5.13
Strategic Inc	26.59	27.80	- 0.04	5.84
Income Funds				
High Income	28.14	27.45†	+ 0.05	5.61
Income Plus	128.30	136.50	+ 0.70	4.02
Amer Eq Inc	61.52	65.09	- 0.15	0.29
European Income	49.84	53.02	+ 0.07	2.56
Far East Inc	65.58	69.68	+ 0.21	0.82
UK Div Gth	30.77	32.72	+ 0.19	2.29
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	64.48	68.78	- 0.26	
American	313.38	332.40	- 0.40	0.13
Amer Spec Sits	176.90	189.20	- 0.90	
Japan Smaller Cos	35.69	38.07	- 0.05	
European	226.30	240.60	+ 0.60	0.56
European Opps	79.71	84.76	- 0.12	0.02
Global Pwr	30.16	32.07	- 0.05	0.35
UK Growth	119.30	126.90	- 0.40	1.12
Growth & Inc	173.70	184.70	+ 1.10	2.51
Intl PEP	48.85	49.82	+ 0.17	1.10
Japan Spec Sits	91.35	97.08	+ 0.35	
Japan	182.20	193.40†	+ 1.30	
Managed Intl	345.80	367.10	+ 0.80	0.51
Moneybuilder	66.11	70.30†	- 0.12	
Recovery	61.75	65.66	+ 0.21	1.64
South E Asia	181.00	193.10	+ 0.50	1.08
Special Sits	708.50	753.40	+ 1.10	0.81
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	115.35	115.35	+ 0.04	5.20
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	150.80	153.50		1.73
Inc Ptflo #	94.22	95.96	+ 0.75	2.86
Cap Ptflio	160.40	163.20	+ 0.50	0.99
General Opps	140.30	141.60		3.77
Growth Inc	35.96	37.72	+ 0.24	0.97
Private Portfolio	486.00	494.80		0.86
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 386 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smlr Cos	151.70	161.70†	+ 0.80	0.31
Emrg Asian	149.10	160.80	- 0.40	
High Income	21.18	22.56†	- 0.10	9.57
UK Income	111.70	119.30	+ 0.70	4.19
US Smaller Cos	413.80	441.60	+ 0.70	
For Foster & Braithwaite see Quilter				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	77.78	83.06	+ 0.08	.
-do- Accum	77.78	83.06	+ 0.08	
Amer Smlr Cos	667.40	713.80	+ 1.30	.
-do- Accum	681.90	729.30	+ 1.40	
Capital Tst	386.10	410.70	+ 0.40	1.50
-do- Accum	564.00	600.00	+ 0.50	1.50
Conv Smlr Cos	63.56	67.98	+ 0.30	0.42
-do- Accum	67.61	72.33	+ 0.33	0.42
Convertible	140.20	149.10†	+ 0.30	5.86
-do- Accum	303.40	322.80†	+ 0.60	5.86
Emerging Markets	69.95	74.73	- 0.08	0.30
-do- Accum	70.19	74.99	- 0.08	0.30
European	151.10	160.30	+ 0.40	0.90
-do- Accum	160.10	169.80	+ 0.40	0.90
Extra Income	378.60	402.80†	+ 1.40	4.10
-do- Accum	602.80	641.30†	+ 2.30	4.10
Financial	168.90	179.70	+ 1.60	0.46
-do- Accum	179.40	190.90	+ 1.60	0.46
Gilt Trust	64.51	66.51	+ 0.08	6.79
-do- Accum	97.70	100.70	+ 0.10	6.79
Health Fund Inc	256.20	272.70	- 0.40	
-do- Accum	256.20	272.70	- 0.40	
Income & Growth	226.00	240.40	+ 1.10	3.61
-do- Accum	358.00	380.90	+ 1.80	3.61
Intl Growth	443.10	471.90	- 0.10	.
-do- Accum	492.00	524.00	- 0.10	.
Japan & Gen	176.40	187.40	+ 0.70	
-do- Accum	178.20	189.30	+ 0.70	
Monthly Inc #	192.60	205.10†	+ 0.60	4.38
Managed Port Inc	121.00	127.40	+ 0.30	1.41
-do- Accum	131.40	138.30	+ 0.38	1.41
Quarterly Income #	55.56	58.71†	- 0.71	4.91
-do- Accum #	83.85	88.62†	+ 0.32	4.91
Recovery	362.00	387.30†	- 0.40	0.23
-do- Accum	427.30	457.00†	- 0.50	0.23
UK Growth	64.78	68.91	+ 0.34	2.76
-do- Accum	70.23	74.71	+ 0.35	2.76
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	60.48	64.52	- 0.12	0.32
FP Am Smlr Cos	202.50	216.00	+ 1.50	
FP Asian Growth	279.40	298.80†	+ 0.80	.
FP Australian	399.30	425.90	- 1.30	.
FP Equity Dist	446.70	476.40	+ 1.40	2.51
-do- Accum	884.40	910.50	+ 3.00	2.51
FP Euro Gth	280.80	300.30	+ 0.30	
-do- Accum	308.00	328.50	+ 0.30	
FP Intl Bond	59.89	63.37	+ 0.20	4.43
FP Intl Gth Dist	38.15	40.69	+ 0.03	0.11
-do- Accum	55.70	59.41	+ 0.05	0.11
FP Pac Basin Acc	221.10	235.80	+ 0.40	
FP Income #	58.14	62.01	+ 0.15	5.14
-do- Accum #	203.10	216.60	+ 0.50	5.14
FP Jap Smllr Cos	310.10	330.70	+ 0.80	
FP Monthly Dist #	75.04	80.04†	+ 0.09	5.59
FP Stlg Deposit	100.40	100.40†	.	5.05
FP Tokyo	83.09	88.62	+ 0.21	.
FP UK Focus	41.70	44.48	+ 0.09	2.29
FP UK Growth	193.30	206.10†	+ 0.60	2.37
-do- Accum	389.80	415.50	+ 1.30	2.37
Stewardship Dist	418.90	446.80	+ 0.70	1.47
-do- Accum	525.20	560.20	+ 1.00	1.47
Stwrdship Inc Dist #	79.86	85.18	+ 0.09	4.82
-do- Accum #	109.20	116.40	+ 0.10	4.82
N Am Stship Dist	122.10	130.20†		0.40
-do- Accum	131.20	139.90	+ 0.10	0.40
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	126.40	134.40	- 0.60	1.61
Opnn Cap Gth Acc	130.30	138.60	- 0.50	0.20
Cap Gth Inc Ic #	117.70	125.20	- 0.40	2.92
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	124.80	132.70	- 0.40	2.92
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	119.30	126.90	- 0.40	3.67
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	127.40	135.50	- 0.40	3.67
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	282.70	299.00	+ 0.60	2.06
Cash	49.33	50.07	+ 0.02	5.32
Growth Portfolio	88.26	93.58	- 0.04	0.88
Income Portfolio	69.64	73.65	+ 0.03	4.18
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	222.30	237.80†	+ 0.90	1.11
Dividend	93.97	100.50†	- 0.20	5.14
Intl Gth & Inc	244.60	261.60†		3.22
UK & Gen	49.41	52.85	+ 0.08	2.75
Fund of Funds	74.72	79.91	- 0.43	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 8431				
Amer Spec Sits	243.20	260.10	- 0.70	0.13
European Gth	739.60	790.00	+ 0.40	0.80
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	55.13	58.42	+ 0.14	4.86
-do- Accum	61.18	64.84	+ 0.16	4.86
Far East & Gen	267.50	286.10	+ 1.40	.
German Growth	147.00	156.90	+ 0.10	.
High Yield #	48.77	51.55†	+ 0.05	8.12
-do- Accum #	53.74	56.80	+ 0.06	8.12
Income Inc	195.00	208.60	+ 0.50	4.09
-do- Accum	219.10	234.40	+ 0.60	4.09
International	391.10	417.90	+ 0.30	0.30
Intl Income	95.02	100.70	+ 0.40	2.94
Japan Growth	444.20	471.70	+ 1.00	.
Korean Securities	59.80	63.66	- 0.07	
Orient Acc	186.30	199.20	+ 0.50	0.15
UK General Inc	196.10	209.80†	+ 0.50	1.57
UK General Acc	350.50	374.90	+ 0.90	1.57
UK Smllr Cos Inc	52.75	56.42		1.72
-do- Accum	57.77	61.79	+ 0.01	1.88
UK Spec Sits	103.40	110.60	+ 0.30	1.17
US Growth	185.60	197.10	- 0.50	.
Wwide Spec Sits	161.70	172.30†	+ 1.80	.
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Digs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	58.48	62.56†	+ 0.39	2.01
Cash Trust	145.49	145.49†	+ 0.04	5.19
Practical Inv Inc #	122.99	131.11	+ 0.09	3.87
-do- Accum #	289.11	309.21	+ 0.23	3.67
UK Index	177.20	178.09	+ 1.02	3.36
UK Smaller Cos	190.91	204.18	+ 0.16	0.57
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	24.40	25.29†	+ 0.01	7.75
High Income	33.61	35.90†	+ 0.05	5.15
UK Equity Income	154.82	165.94†	+ 0.55	3.25
Global Bond	30.24	31.35	+ 0.09	5.04
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	46.65	49.89	- 0.01	..
Global Managed	152.10	161.65	+ 0.31	1.56
Gold & Intl Res	116.25	124.33	+ 0.23	.
Global Utilities	144.67	154.31†	- 0.19	1.41
Overseas Funds				
American	198.66	211.15	- 0.26	0.90
European	134.80	142.82	+ 0.47	0.96
Euro Sel Opps	204.51	217.14†	+ 0.50	.
Asian Emerging	179.60	192.30	+ 1.23	.
Hong Kong	160.75	172.15	+ 1.77	1.56
Japan	242.68	257.81†	+ 1.48	
Pacific Growth	224.37	239.97	+ 0.60	
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	254.40	254.40†	+ 4.90	2.00
Long Term Bal	274.41	274.41†	+ 0.99	2.80
Med Term Bal	226.19	226.19†	+ 0.52	3.06
UK Equity	295.96	295.96	+ 1.26	2.57
UK Emerging Cos	175.95	175.95	+ 0.35	2.01
American	315.34	315.34	- 1.55	1.01
Japan	134.45	134.45	+ 0.96	.
European	344.30	344.30	+ 1.31	1.06
Index Linked Gilt	182.93	182.93	+ 0.18	2.68
Fixed Interest	173.90	173.90†	+ 0.34	6.39
Amer Emergcs	403.38	403.38	+ 1.26	
Pacific	240.26	240.26	+ 0.75	0.88
Emerging Mkts	122.97	122.97†	- 3.75	0.47
Index Strat Japan	149.28	149.28†	+ 0.99	0.14
-do- Pacific Rim	204.65	204.65†	+ 0.76	1.16
-do- Cont Europe	188.43	188.43†	+ 0.52	1.88
Index Strat USA	185.96	185.96†	- 0.48	1.75
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	119.81	127.46	+ 0.50	
Med Term Bal	107.72	114.59	+ 0.26	
Long Term Bal	123.35	131.21	+ 0.47	
UK Equity	137.36	146.13	- 0.63	
UK Emerging Cos	82.60	87.86	+ 0.17	
American	145.92	155.23	- 0.76	
Japan	64.24	68.33	+ 0.48	
European	142.86	151.97	+ 0.98	
Fixed Interest	89.23	94.92	+ 0.18	
Index Linked Gilt	81.39	86.57	+ 0.08	
Deposit	87.09	92.64	+ 0.02	
Brokes Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	160.18	168.61	- 0.34	0.50
Brcliff Gth Port Inc	72.19	76.19	- 0.22	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	62.09	66.53†	- 0.17	3.50
-do- Wwide Port	62.19	65.64	- 0.37	0.10
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	610.51	649.48	- 1.41	1.40
-do- Accum	689.45	733.46	+ 1.59	1.40
European Inc	178.75	193.83	+ 0.12	1.66
Amalgam Inc	157.19	166.64		
N America Inc	415.73	442.27	- 4.34	
Far East Inc	379.90	404.15		0.22
-do- Accum	393.13	419.86		0.22
UF Divd Inc	213.26	226.67	+ 0.17	1.59
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7558				
UF Equity Inc #	99.47	106.38	- 0.28	4.56
UK Small Cos	65.86	70.45	- 1.22	0.62
British Growth	67.09	71.74†	+ 0.43	3.11
American Gwth	276.23	295.42	- 2.32	
Japan Gwth	69.07	73.36	0.64	
Greater China	200.04	213.94	+ 0.87	0.16
Pacific Stratsy	160.48	171.62	- 1.72	
European Gwth	117.95	126.14	- 0.33	
Intl Growth	170.91	182.79	+ 0.09	
US Index (T)	17.4427	18.3793	-0.0464	4.00
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	88.87	95.04†	- 0.46	2.15
Monthly Income	40.89	43.73†	- 0.09	9.75
Index & Bear Funds Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Gtd UF Index (T)	14.1477	14.9357	+0.0493	4.75
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	112.70	113.90		1.56
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 8888				
European	580.40	620.00	+ 2.10	0.45
Gilt & Fixed	130.20	138.10	+ 0.20	5.67
Growth Equity	421.00	449.70	+ 0.20	1.27
Income Trust	146.80	156.80		4.36
International	211.20	225.60	+ 0.40	0.06
Japan Trust	125.40	133.95†	+ 0.30	0.22
Nth American	355.60	379.90	- 1.70	
Pacific	590.00	630.30	+ 2.90	0.04
Guardian	637.90	681.90	+ 1.90	1.26
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	110.11	117.30	+ 0.17	5.33
Global High Inc	101.60	105.49†	- 0.24	6.16
Corporate Bond	104.20	108.12	- 0.03	7.02
Eqty & Bond Inc	109.66	116.60†	- 0.32	5.55
European Growth	126.84	134.65	- 0.16	
Intl PEP Trust	69.91	74.33	- 0.16	
Equity Inc	132.69	141.08†	- 0.57	4.27
-do- Accum	194.78	207.10	- 0.83	4.27
Recovery	392.10	416.50	- 0.20	1.57
-do- Accum	463.60	492.90	- 0.10	1.57
St Vinc High Inc	126.81	128.71	- 2.89	7.56
UK Emerg Cos	312.90	332.70	- 0.90	2.31
UK Smlr Cos	424.40	451.90†	+ 1.20	2.46
Glob Prv Tst	114.72	121.97	- 0.09	1.73
-do- Accum	117.19	124.60	- 0.08	1.73
Inc Share Tst	85.63	91.05	+ 0.21	9.54
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050 01904 611110				
Balanced Inc	55.07	58.39†	+ 0.20	3.76
Balanced Acc	58.56	62.09	+ 0.21	3.78
Growth	32.29	34.24†	+ 0.13	1.98
Growth Acc	33.40	35.41	+ 0.14	1.96
Income	31.43	33.32	+ 0.08	4.32
Income Acc	33.26	35.27	+ 0.06	4.32
Accumulation Tst	24.96	27.04	+ 0.12	2.91
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
High Provider	99.73	102.60†	+ 0.20	6.65
Model Ptflio	239.50	251.60	- 0.60	2.60
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries 0645 494949 Dealing: 0645 464646				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	361.57	386.87	+ 1.76	0.93
Best of British	71.88	76.40	+ 0.17	2.40
UK Smaller Cos	152.75	164.20†	- 0.81	1.21
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	301.06	320.61	+ 1.57	3.41
-do- Accum #	848.72	903.85	+ 4.43	3.41
High Income	335.48	358.62†	+ 0.29	4.67
Extra Income #	289.11	307.46	- 0.14	5.96
Pref & Bond	49.05	49.65†	+ 0.01	8.30
International				
Ethical	120.93	129.33†	- 1.17	2.04
International	327.16	347.71	+ 1.45	
Global Bond	56.68	59.87	+ 0.21	5.64
Intl Port Tst	99.10	105.98	- 0.17	0.32
Global Tech	233.72	252.68	- 0.76	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	195.63	210.27	+ 0.41	0.17
European	618.45	655.97	+ 1.34	1.55
European Income #	91.48	96.33†	- 0.40	3.19

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Smlr Cos	191.08	204.74	+ 0.52	2.08
European Value	95.97	102.53	+ 0.02	1.23
-do- Accum	103.25	110.30	+ 0.02	1.23
Japan Trust	231.92	246.46†	+ 1.15	
Japan Smlr Cos	239.38	254.88	- 1.14	
Pacific Smlr Cos	244.85	260.86		1.20
North American	315.76	335.43†	- 0.58	
American Smaller	174.43	186.42	- 0.81	
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	156.00	163.20†	+ 0.10	5.07
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	119.70	125.34	+ 0.65	2.08
Capital	201.99	210.88†	+ 0.68	1.30
Dollar	487.97	510.97	- 3.09	.
Enterprise Gth	426.98	447.10	+ 0.97	1.50
European	279.00	292.15†	+ 0.42	0.43
Far East	319.37	334.42	+ 0.95	
Financial	£10.08	£10.55	+ 4.90	1.92
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.10	27.15†	.	6.72
High Yield	108.60	113.92	+ 0.35	5.36
Income & Growth	159.68	167.18	+ 0.66	3.99
International	296.18	310.11†	+ 0.11	0.12
Japanese General	216.36	226.55	+ 0.11	
Japan Tech	92.09	96.43	- 0.13	
Natl Resources	86.48	90.55	- 0.18	0.14
Portfolio	85.71	89.75	+ 0.14	1.05
Special Sits	204.71	214.36	- 0.40	0.10
UK Emerging Cos	129.16	135.24	+ 0.58	0.77
US Smaller Cos	156.87	163.32	- 0.24	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	626.20	668.30†	+ 2.80	5.00
Capital	712.90	760.60	+ 4.00	2.37
High Income #	112.70	120.30†	+ 0.40	5.99
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	611.70	647.70	- 5.80	0.35
European Gwth	145.60	154.90		0.01
Japan Gwth	278.00	298.70	+ 2.40	.
Japan Smlr Cos	35.88	38.29	+ 0.26	
Asian	63.56	67.83	+ 0.25	0.10
Sing & Malay Gwth	83.66	89.29	- 0.05	
Hong Kong Gwth	138.10	147.40	+ 1.10	1.09
Global Bond	22.59	23.85†	+ 0.04	5.12
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	163.70	164.50†	+ 0.90	3.57
Tobin Index	127.20	130.70	+ 0.30	2.08
THE FOOTSIE FUND	63.42	63.74	+ 0.43	2.99
Index Funds-International				
American Index	279.00	280.40	- 0.90	1.00
Eurotrack 100	196.60	197.60	+ 0.50	1.43
Japan Index	79.63	80.23	+ 0.69	0.07
Tiger Index	208.00	209.00	- 0.30	0.43
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	47.73	49.62†	+ 0.06	0.89
General Funds				
Managed Dist	88.33	91.82	+ 0.26	1.16
Managed	90.74	94.32	+ 0.26	1.16
Rupert Child Fnd	100.30	104.30	+ 0.70	2.37
UK Growth	70.41	73.19	- 0.97	2.01
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	85.97	89.37†	+ 0.30	5.79
Gilt & Fixed Int #	26.82	27.87†	+ 0.02	8.01
UK Inc & Grth	47.42	49.28	+ 0.63	3.07
UK Income #	369.20	383.80	+ 1.70	4.23
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	61.84	64.14	- 0.02	0.11
Amer Smlr Cos	162.10	168.50†	- 0.70	.
-do- Accum	163.80	170.30†	- 0.70	
Europe Gth	234.80	243.60†	- 1.50	
-do- Accum	243.20	252.30†	- 1.50	
Euro Smaller Cos	45.64	47.44		
French Growth	96.55	100.30		0.33
-do- Accum	104.40	108.40		0.33
H Kong & China	95.03	98.78	+ 0.75	1.29
Intl Growth	68.46	71.16	+ 0.19	0.17
-do- Accum	69.42	72.16	+ 0.21	0.17
Japan Gth	32.32	33.60	+ 0.28	
-do- Accum	32.32	33.60	+ 0.28	
Japan Smaller Cos	40.32	41.97	+ 0.08	
Glob Emg Mkts	97.42	101.30†	- 0.10	
-do- Accum	98.11	102.00†	- 0.10	
SE Asia	344.70	358.30	+ 0.20	0.17
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	54.69	56.37	+ 0.17	5.93
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 261010				
Sector Value Inc #	100.50	106.00	+ 0.10	3.81
Sector Value Gwth	101.30	108.90	+ 0.10	2.21
Hy 5 Europe	100.30	105.20	- 0.10	2.83
Slater Gwth	159.00	167.80	+ 0.28	0.77
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	211.40	224.90	+ 0.70	
Income #	210.28	223.70†	+ 0.60	4.32
UK Growth	83.69	89.02†	+ 0.13	1.92
Intl Growth	90.70	96.47†	- 1.51	0.44
Ecology	102.07	108.58	+ 0.46	0.99
European	198.84	211.52†	+ 0.29	.
Far Eastern	310.30	330.00	+ 2.60	
UK Special Sits	48.61	51.85	- 0.02	

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Dealers: 0171 956 7364				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	100.70	104.00	- 0.10	7.30
Gilt Yield	118.90	125.50	+ 0.20	6.55
Global Income	231.00	245.70†	- 0.50	3.53
High Yield	152.40	162.10†	+ 0.30	5.53
-do- Accum	496.10	527.60†	+ 1.30	5.53
Smlr Cos Div	60.81	64.69†	+ 0.04	3.42
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	152.40	162.10	+ 0.20	
Asian Growth	337.30	358.80	+ 1.00	0.23
-do- Accum	396.30	421.60	+ 1.20	0.23
North American	107.40	114.30	- 0.42	0.23
European Special	127.20	135.30†	+ 0.40	1.23
European	179.80	191.30	+ 0.20	0.47
-do- Accum	237.80	253.00	+ 0.20	0.47
Global Eqty Inc	119.00	126.30†	+ 0.30	1.95
Japan	414.30	440.70	+ 2.30	
Japanese Special	237.80	253.00	+ 0.20	
Smaller Cos	142.70	151.80	+ 0.20	1.07
UK Equity Growth	49.75	52.93†	+ 0.24	1.89
UK Index Inc	330.70	332.40	+ 1.30	3.37
Bircham Tst	107.60	115.70	+ 1.40	1.99
-do- Accum	108.10	116.20	+ 1.30	1.99
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	298.06	317.08	- 0.53	4.58
Inc & Growth Inc	63.87	67.95†	+ 0.02	4.08
Smaller Cos	85.61	91.07	+ 0.14	1.17
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq. 01452 371 500 Dlg 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	292.20	310.90	+ 4.40	2.63
High Income	113.20	120.40†	+ 0.50	5.15
European Trust	87.34	92.91	+ 0.29	0.55
American Trust	114.70	122.00	- 0.40	0.05
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	444.80	471.90†	+ 2.00	2.36
UK Inc/Gth	464.00	492.30†	+ 2.10	3.95
UK Income	330.50	350.70†	+ 1.30	5.18
UK Sml Cos	302.50	323.50†	+ 1.00	1.57
Euro Gwth	163.60	173.60	- 0.20	0.46
N Amer Gwth	121.30	128.70	- 0.10	
Japan Growth	64.62	68.79	- 0.38	
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	574.60	574.60	+ 3.50	2.81
-do- Accum	£11.70	£11.70	+ 7.00	2.81
Equity Income #	103.50	103.50†	+ 0.30	5.08
UK Tactical Allocn	65.20	65.20	+ 0.35	4.04
European	144.10	144.10†	+ 0.30	1.51
Far Eastern	239.30	239.30	+ 0.30	
Fixed Interest	53.93	53.93†	+ 0.03	7.47
Gilt	91.19	91.19	+ 0.14	8.76
Global Growth	85.35	85.35	- 0.03	1.03
Intl Bond	54.51	54.51†	+ 0.24	5.17
Japanese	75.04	75.04	- 0.13	
North American	211.70	211.70†	- 1.40	0.67
Pacific Growth	121.30	121.30	+ 0.20	0.02
UK Index	75.44	75.44	+ 0.44	3.23
UK Recovery	114.70	114.70	+ 0.50	2.17
UK Smaller Cos	159.30	159.30†	+ 0.40	1.09
US Index	82.02	82.02	- 0.30	1.39
European Index	91.35	91.35†	+ 0.21	2.11
Japan Index	41.13	41.13	+ 0.11	
Worldwide	98.64	98.64	+ 0.27	1.42
LINCOLN FUND MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 623				
Growth	54.67	58.47	+ 0.39	2.34
Income	63.66	68.06†	+ 0.36	4.27
Far East	56.11	60.01	+ 0.29	0.08
North American	131.30	140.40	- 0.40	
Global	108.30	115.80	- 0.20	0.38
European	95.41	101.82	+ 0.10	1.06
Japan	106.00	113.20†	+ 0.70	
Intl Currency Bd	61.59	65.27	+ 0.14	4.25
SE Asia	109.90	117.50	+ 0.30	0.47
UK Cap Growth	99.77	106.70	+ 0.70	2.73
Recovery Trust	90.26	96.53	+ 0.22	1.26
Managed	77.01	82.96	- 0.15	1.22
Cash	51.00	51.00	+ 0.01	4.52
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 338 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	392.80	417.90	- 4.30	2.38
-do- Accum	928.50	987.80	- 10.00	2.38
Cont Euro Gth	81.71	86.92	+ 0.18	0.77
-do- Accum	87.94	92.57	+ 0.20	0.77
Extra Inc	279.50	297.40		4.12
-do- Accum	765.20	814.10	- 0.20	4.12
FTSE 100 Inc	116.70	124.23†	+ 0.30	2.72
FTSE 100 Acc	121.90	129.70	+ 0.30	2.77
German Gth	140.30	147.70	+ 0.50	
-do- Accum	147.20	155.00	+ 0.50	
Growth Port	655.90	697.80	- 10.40	..
-do- Accum	675.40	718.60	- 10.70	
High Interest Inc	97.46	101.60	- 0.30	7.63
High Interest Acc	101.70	105.40	- 0.30	7.67
Hi Income Inc #	105.80	112.60	- 0.10	6.39
Hi Income Acc #	113.20	120.50	- 0.20	6.38
Income	537.60	572.20	- 0.90	3.36
-do- Accum	£15.16	£16.13	+ 3.00	3.36
Income Port	554.20	588.60†	+ 4.80	4.47
-do- Accum	619.90	659.50	+ 5.30	4.47
Japan Growth	107.80	114.70	- 0.30	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	108.20	115.20	+ 0.50	.
Master Trust	67.23	71.53	+ 0.12	1.39
-do- Accum	77.63	82.59	+ 0.13	1.39
Millennium Acc	93.57	99.56		2.37
N American Gen	239.50	254.60†	- 1.60	
-do- Accum	277.20	294.90	- 2.00	
NAm Sml Co Rec	199.30	212.10	+ 0.50	
-do- Accum	203.40	216.40	+ 0.40	
Pacific Basin	264.60	281.80†	+ 1.50	0.15
-do- Accum	282.10	300.20	+ 1.60	0.15
Small Cos Rec	513.90	541.00	+ 0.80	1.69
-do- Accum	704.40	741.50	+ 1.20	1.69
UK Eq Gth	161.20	171.50	- 1.70	2.71
UK Eq Inc	126.90	135.00	- 0.20	4.05
UK Growth	101.80	108.30†	- 1.00	1.97
-do- Accum	127.70	135.90	- 1.30	1.97
Worldwide Gth	358.40	381.30	+ 0.70	0.41
-do- Accum	529.70	563.60	+ 1.10	0.41
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	86.69	92.88†	- 0.17	0.40
General	106.08	112.74	+ 0.25	2.80
Income	72.77	78.07	+ 0.23	5.30
International	74.36	79.78	+ 0.31	0.50
Japan	59.39	63.72†	+ 0.23	
Tst of Inv Trusts	75.94	81.48	+ 0.03	1.00
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	517.70	547.00†	- 2.10	0.41
-do- Accum	648.00	684.70†	- 2.60	0.41
Amer Recovery	561.50	593.80	0.60	0.34
-do- Accum	647.70	685.00	- 0.60	0.34
Amer Smlr Cos	165.90	175.40†	- 0.30	
-do- Accum	169.50	179.20†	- 0.30	
Australasian	197.30	208.60	- 1.20	2.65
-do- Accum	245.90	260.00	- 1.40	2.65
Capital	969.00	1024.70†	+ 2.70	2.87
-do- Accum	1157.00	1223.50†	+ 3.90	2.87
Charifund	737.00	744.40	+ 1.70	6.03
-do- Accum	3772.60	3810.40†	+ 8.90	6.03
Commodity	464.60	491.30†	+ 0.90	0.43
-do- Accum	687.00	726.50†	+ 1.30	0.43
Compound Gwth	1078.20	1140.20	+ 4.20	2.99
-do- Accum	1176.20	1243.80	+ 4.50	2.99
Corporate Bond	25.16	25.24†	+ 0.04	7.60
Dividend	43.50	46.00	+ 0.20	4.76
-do- Accum	192.60	203.80	+ 0.70	4.76
Equity Income	338.30	357.70†	- 0.80	5.40
-do- Accum	469.10	496.00†	0.60	5.40
Euro & General	833.20	889.60†	+ 2.30	0.92
-do- Accum	813.30	860.00†	+ 3.00	0.92
Euro Dividend	80.20	84.80†	+ 0.30	3.61
-do- Accum	102.10	107.90†	+ 0.30	3.61
Extra Yield	458.70	485.10	+ 1.40	5.04
-do- Accum	1510.70	1597.60	+ 4.50	5.04
Far Eastern	382.10	404.10	+ 0.30	1.13
-do- Accum	509.70	539.10	+ 0.40	1.13
Fund of Inv Tsts	704.60	745.10	+ 1.80	1.89
-do- Accum	1352.40	1430.10	+ 3.50	1.89
General	67.10	71.00†	+ 0.40	3.89
-do- Accum	197.60	209.10†	+ 1.00	3.89
Gilt Income	60.44	60.53†	+ 0.11	7.20
-do- Accum	183.14	183.41†	+ 0.30	7.20
Gold	79.90	84.50†	- 0.30	0.08
-do- Accum	95.60	101.10†	- 0.30	0.08
High Income	32.10	33.90	+ 0.10	4.80
-do- Accum	137.00	144.90	+ 0.40	4.80
Intl Growth	91.30	96.50†	+ 0.10	0.66
-do- Accum	161.50	170.90†	+ 0.30	0.66
International Inc	110.60	117.00	+ 0.10	4.50
-do- Accum	173.20	183.30	+ 0.30	4.50
Japan & Gen	42.00	44.30	+ 0.20	
-do- Accum	45.10	47.50	+ 0.30	
Japan Smlr Cos	152.30	161.00	+ 0.80	
-do- Accum	153.40	162.10	+ 0.70	
Managed Gwth	26.90	28.40†	+ 0.10	1.75
Managed Income	29.50	31.00†	+ 0.10	4.31
Midland	61.80	65.40		3.39
-do- Accum	214.20	226.90		3.39
Pension Ex	1061.20	1087.60	+ 3.60	4.40
Recovery	47.30	50.00†	+ 0.20	2.83
-do- Accum	81.40	86.00†	+ 0.30	2.83
Second General	74.00	78.30†		3.92
-do- Accum	200.70	212.30†		3.92
Smaller Cos	71.60	75.70†	- 0.80	3.31
-do- Accum	148.30	156.80†	- 1.50	3.31
Treasury	25.74	25.18†	.	5.56
Trustee	43.20	45.70		4.80
-do- Accum	183.60	194.40		4.80
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	99.86	106.23	+ 0.45	1.41
Intl Bond	66.11	69.47	+ 0.18	5.32
Intl Equity Growth	86.02	91.42	+ 0.23	0.84
N Amer Growth	133.53	142.05	- 0.16	0.82
Special Sits Growth	26.98	28.70	+ 0.02	2.04
UK Growth	450.88	479.65	+ 365.00	2.68
-do- Accum	611.79	650.83	+ 0.65	2.68
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1479.60	1503.30		2.90
Income #	1026.00	1042.30†		4.00
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	160.20	164.10†		3.69
For Manulife see Canada Life				
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
M & S Inv Ptflo	175.50	180.90†	+ 0.50	2.54
-do- Accum	208.30	214.70†	+ 0.60	2.54
UK Sel Ptflo	153.90	158.70	+ 0.60	2.51
-do- Accum	185.50	191.20	+ 0.60	2.51
UK 100 Cos	113.90	113.90	+ 0.50	2.81
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	75.20	80.01		3.62
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	81.36	86.37	- 0.04	3.69
European	105.90	112.40	+ 0.10	0.67
Income #	81.38	86.39†	+ 0.07	4.27
Nth American	92.45	98.14	- 0.38	0.24
Far East	180.30	191.40	+ 0.50	0.38
Japan	63.92	67.86	+ 0.37	.
Emging Mkts	87.55	93.64	- 0.05	
Intl Growth	129.80	137.80	+ 0.20	0.82
UK Growth	122.50	130.00	- 0.10	2.53
UK Smlr Co	61.28	65.05	+ 0.13	1.26
Asian Opps Fd	38.20	40.86	+ 0.24	0.30
Glob Gwth PEP	61.60	65.39	+ 0.02	1.24
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	103.70	110.40	- 0.20	.
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	458.09	487.33	+ 2.04	4.53
Global Inc	75.36	80.17	+ 0.06	3.90
Brit Leaders	389.81	414.69	+ 1.86	3.46
Intl Leaders	229.73	244.39	- 0.65	1.52
PAM Mg Bal Gth	72.90	75.74	- 0.17	0.67
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	266.20	280.70	- 0.40	
-do- Accum	284.70	300.30	- 0.30	
American Opps	131.90	140.70	- 0.30	
-do- Accum	133.50	142.40	- 0.40	
British Blue Chip	94.27	101.10	+0.200	2.40
-do- Accum	120.00	127.40	-0.400	2.40
Cash	100.30	100.30†		5.42
-do- Accum	147.40	147.40†	+0.100	5.42
Emerging Mkts	127.40	137.00	+0.100	0.10
-do- Accum	129.10	138.80	+0.200	0.10
European Growth	323.20	342.70†	+0.300	0.13
-do- Accum	352.10	373.30†	+0.300	0.13
European Income	93.32	98.74†	+0.490	2.91
-do- Accum	134.20	142.00†	+0.700	2.91
General	598.70	636.60	+0.800	1.95
-do- Accum	1217.00	1294.00	+2.000	1.95
Global Bond	136.50	143.30	+0.300	5.77
-do- Accum	175.80	184.60	+0.500	5.77
Gold & General	241.40	259.10†	- 0.10	0.35
-do- Accum	249.80	268.40†	- 0.10	0.35
Govt Securities	93.07	95.95	+0.110	6.28
-do- Accum	195.10	201.10	+0.200	6.28
High Yield Bd	100.40	103.00	+0.200	7.32
-do- Accum	105.20	107.80	+0.200	7.32
Income	181.80	192.90†	+0.400	4.36
-do- Accum	301.50	320.10†	+0.000	4.36
Inc Portfolio #	111.00	117.60†	+0.200	4.87
-do- Accum #	119.90	127.00†	+0.100	4.87
Intl Opps	574.20	612.50	+0.500	0.14
-do- Accum	774.80	826.50	+0.600	0.14
Japan	174.60	185.70	+0.300	
-do- Accum	179.30	190.60	+0.300	.
New Europe	233.30	248.90	- 0.10	0.81
-do- Accum	242.80	259.00	- 0.10	0.81
Pacific	118.90	126.80†	+0.500	0.80
-do- Accum	128.10	138.60†	+0.500	0.80
Recovery	432.00	460.80	+0.700	0.56
-do- Accum	566.80	604.60	+0.900	0.56
UK Smaller Cos	65.08	69.42	+0.130	0.74
-do- Accum	74.41	79.37	+0.140	0.74
Portfolio	93.02	98.71	+0.160	2.34
-do- Accum	113.60	120.50	+0.200	2.34
Managed Gth	119.80	125.40	+0.100	1.03
Managed Inc	118.70	123.10	+0.400	2.93
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	154.80	164.47	+ 0.04	0.14
Portfolio	79.14	84.19	+ 0.13	1.43
UK Income Inc	87.90	93.64	+ 0.01	4.55
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	68.27	71.49	+ 0.19	2.67
-do- Accum	74.76	78.28	+ 0.21	2.67
British Tst	102.90	107.70	+ 0.70	2.35
-do- Accum	123.10	128.90	+ 1.00	2.35
Corp Bond Inc	99.11	102.70†		7.02
-do- Accum	101.40	105.00†		7.02
Extra High Inc	69.46	72.73†	+ 0.09	7.28
-do- Accum	146.50	153.40†	+ 0.30	7.28
FT-SE 100 Acc	67.11	70.27†	+ 0.40	3.10
FT-SE 100 Dist	63.31	66.29†	+ 0.45	3.10
Gilt & Fxd Int	56.05	58.72	+ 0.11	6.56
-do- Accum	176.10	183.20	+ 0.30	6.55
High Yield	233.60	244.60	+ 0.40	6.79
-do- Accum	633.60	663.40	+ 1.10	6.79
Income	311.10	325.80†	+ 1.10	5.08
-do- Accum	729.60	763.90†	+ 2.50	5.08
Money Market UT	49.26	49.26†	+ 0.01	4.66
-do- Accum	82.51	82.51†	+ 0.02	4.66
Monthly Income	91.82	96.15†	+ 0.30	4.84
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	128.80	137.00†	- 0.90	1.43
European Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Gilt & Fixed	97.97	102.90†	- 0.20	5.34
Income	100.30	106.70†	- 0.40	2.40
Japan Growth	51.97	55.09†	- 0.67	
Managed	82.02	87.26†	- 0.29	2.07
Money Market	94.05	99.65†	- 0.05	4.02
North American	110.90	117.40†	- 0.50	0.29
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	117.10	124.60†	- 0.50	1.42
European Growth	124.70	132.20†	- 0.70	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	92.50	98.11†	- 0.19	5.26
Income	98.42	104.70†	+ 0.50	2.45
Japan Growth	51.71	54.81†	- 0.66	
Managed	78.37	83.37†	- 0.29	1.99
Money Market	86.71	91.92†	- 0.04	4.00
North American	100.10	106.10†	- 0.40	0.46
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	116.40	123.80†	- 0.90	1.42
European Growth	122.00	125.30†	- 0.90	
Gilt & Fixed Int	84.62	89.76†	- 0.17	5.50
Income	95.79	101.50†	+ 0.40	2.51
Japan Growth	52.97	56.04†	- 0.68	
Managed	81.02	86.19†	- 0.29	2.01
Money Market	80.07	84.88†	- 0.02	4.16
North American	112.00	118.70†	- 0.60	0.35
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (UCS)	15.03	15.93		
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	463.60	492.50†	- 0.30	
European Gth Inc	600.60	643.30	- 2.50	
-do- Accum	607.10	650.40	- 2.50	
Intl Gwth	230.60	245.10	- 0.63	
UK Equity Inc	219.90	234.00	- 1.00	3.87
Do. Accum	294.70	313.80	- 1.40	3.87
UK Intl Trckr Inc	187.70	200.50†	+ 0.80	2.53
-do- Accum	232.20	248.10†	+ 1.00	2.53
US Eq and Trk Inc	272.30	288.40	- 0.40	0.65
Japan Tracker	75.07	79.17	+ 0.53	
Asian Tracker	224.50	242.10	- 0.70	0.14
Mngd Ptflio Inc	186.90	199.53	- 0.50	1.98
Mngd Ptflio Acc	203.90	217.70	- 0.60	1.99
Deposit Inc	99.99	99.99	- 0.05	5.24
Europa	290.80	313.10†	+ 0.70	
Genesis	211.30	229.70	- 0.80	2.44
High Income	20.95	22.33†	- 0.07	10.60
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
Acumen	108.10	110.50	- 0.20	2.30
Acumen Inc	99.00	101.30	- 0.30	2.30
Acumen Reserve	94.00	94.94†	- 0.05	7.66
-do- Inc	73.61	74.34†	- 0.02	7.66
American Growth	71.99	73.84†	- 0.19	
Equity Income #	103.00	105.80	- 0.17	4.62
European	82.34	87.84	- 0.02	0.67
Smaller Cos	92.76	97.14	+ 0.07	1.11
W'wide Eqty	76.88	80.59†	- 0.17	
Global Bond	45.61	46.12†	- 0.15	5.80
UK Growth	111.30	114.20	- 0.10	1.60
Pacific Growth	119.20	123.30†	+ 0.50	0.55
Japan Growth	102.00	103.70†	+ 1.00	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	143.73	152.90†	+ 0.56	2.84
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 839 8262				
UK Growth	87.74	93.34	- 1.08	2.40
UK Income	123.70	131.12	- 0.23	3.29
Higher Income	234.57	248.64	- 0.65	4.47
Smaller Cos	104.95	111.25	+ 0.02	1.39
International	111.47	118.58	+ 0.15	1.42
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	130.40	138.70	- 0.40	0.10
European Dist	146.50	155.90	+ 0.70	0.30
Far East Dist	200.00	212.80†	+ 1.20	
Global Care Dist	85.83	91.37	+ 0.10	0.36
Oseas Dist	1190.50	1266.50	- 5.60	
-do- Accum	1545.10	1643.70	+ 7.10	
UK Dist	418.00	441.70	+ 2.30	2.13
-do- Accum	849.40	903.60	+ 4.80	2.13
UK Extra Inc Dist	92.67	98.58†	- 0.20	2.90
Wwide Dist	123.60	131.50	+ 0.30	
Wwide Inc Dist	88.65	94.31	- 0.27	1.38
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 388				
Europe Inc	77.28	81.56	+ 0.26	0.74
Fund of Funds Inc	69.43	73.29†	- 0.24	1.77
North America Inc	67.53	71.27	- 0.16	0.35
UK Equity Grth Inc	67.31	71.04	+ 0.31	2.84
-do- Accum	72.45	76.46	+ 0.32	2.84
UK General Inc	67.57	71.31	- 0.34	2.86
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	48.75	51.39†	+ 0.11	6.54
UK Income Inc	64.99	68.59†	+ 0.30	4.23
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0500 550 000 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	54.26	57.72	- 0.12	
-do- Accum	54.68	58.16	- 0.12	
Bond	126.79	134.54	+ 0.19	5.65
Cash Income	50.51	50.51	+ 0.02	5.24
-do- Accum	68.67	68.67	- 0.03	5.24
Distributor	101.91	108.41	- 0.44	2.38
European	56.25	59.84	- 0.05	
Foundation	108.89	115.83	- 0.35	2.74
General Inc	215.13	228.92†	- 0.22	1.48
General Acc	217.33	231.20†	- 0.22	1.48
Global	378.16	402.29	- 1.43	
Growth Inc	143.51	152.66	- 0.52	2.44
Growth Acc	145.46	154.74	- 0.53	2.44
Higher Income Inc	31.71	33.05	- 0.32	4.90
-do- Accum	37.21	39.58	- 0.37	4.90
Income	253.57	276.13†	- 0.27	3.42
Intrepid	145.38	153.25		1.96
Japan	37.87	39.64†	+ 0.19	.
Oriental Inc	154.83	164.71†	- 2.23	0.76
-do- Accum	160.53	170.77†	- 2.30	0.76
Pars Intl Gwth	36.31	38.62	- 0.12	
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
High Income #	47.14	49.88†	- 0.05	6.48
Managed	112.90	119.50		2.46
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	141.96	149.43	+ 0.46	1.02
UK Equity	167.14	175.94	+ 1.14	2.90
UK Equity Income	148.94	156.78	+ 0.74	3.36
UK Smaller Cos	132.83	139.82†	+ 0.07	1.56
UK Equity Growth	149.11	156.96	+ 0.89	1.14
UK Index Trckg	166.76	176.00	- 0.11	3.54
Intl Index Trckg	172.45	182.01	- 0.35	0.96
International	279.30	294.00	+ 0.75	0.78
European	253.97	267.34	+ 0.52	0.35
Pan European	169.05	177.95	+ 0.50	1.32
Nth American	237.21	249.69	+ 0.31	0.13
N Amer Smlr Cos	239.58	252.19†	+ 0.24	
Japanese	96.22	101.28†	+ 0.45	
Pacific	247.55	260.58†	+ 0.46	0.44
South East Asian	284.37	299.34	+ 0.55	0.47
Intl Bond	138.58	145.87†	+ 0.44	5.12
Gilt & Convertible	107.99	113.67†	+ 0.20	5.64
Property	81.92	86.23†	+ 0.11	5.70
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	362.00	390.20	- 2.00	0.14
-do- Accum	384.50	414.40	- 2.20	0.14
Japan Inc	112.40	119.90	+ 0.40	
Nth American Inc	136.30	145.00†	+ 0.70	0.81
Worldwide Inc	179.00	192.30	+ 0.60	0.15
Hong Kong Inc	169.10	181.70†	+ 1.50	1.24
Swiss Equities Inc	91.36	97.71	+ 0.34	
Wwide Bond Inc	68.57	72.53	+ 0.17	5.40
Emging Asia Inc	202.30	220.30	- 0.90	
-do- Accum	203.10	221.20	- 0.80	
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.07	50.07†	+ 0.02	5.92
Thailand Inc	151.60	165.80	+ 0.20	1.37
New Zealand Inc	97.63	105.00	- 0.90	2.95
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	70.36	75.42	+ 0.02	1.30
Latin Am Grwp Inc	65.47	70.24	- 0.13	
UK All Sh Mtn Inc	69.00	70.19	+ 0.20	2.79
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	88.51	94.66	- 0.38	
Global Portfolio	79.37	84.89	- 0.47	
Global Opps	69.41	74.23	- 0.42	
March Global Gth	69.45	73.65	+ 0.17	
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	103.30	110.90	+ 0.60	
Temple Equity Inc	46.73	50.83†	+ 0.19	4.07
Hartley Growth	110.80	117.90†	+ 0.10	0.37
Intl Growth Inc	89.39	95.60	0.28	0.83
IPS Portfolio Inc	92.34	98.76	- 1.34	
Premier Pertns Inc	71.54	78.51†	- 0.18	1.38
Roxburgh Strat Gth	81.35	87.00	- 0.19	0.28
International Strat	84.69	90.79	- 0.49	
UFC Ind-Acl Gth	62.83	67.30	+ 0.11	
Chartfield Port of Fds	55.68	60.50	- 0.21	
Lowes Intl Growth	51.72	54.44†	0.13	
PM UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3963				
Equity Gth	244.10	259.70	+ 0.90	1.19
European Gth	129.70	137.40	+ 0.20	0.65
Income & Gth #	158.60	168.70	0.30	2.84
Japan Gth	114.50	121.80	+ 0.20	
Nth Amer Gth	207.30	220.50	- 0.60	
Overseas Gth	121.80	129.60	+ 0.10	0.06
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	273.10	290.50	+ 0.60	2.58
-do- Accum	597.70	635.80	+ 1.20	2.58
Growth	178.20	187.60	+ 0.50	2.36
Income	363.60	390.30	+ 0.40	3.71
Intl Equity	288.90	307.20	+ 0.70	0.71
-do- Accum	321.60	342.10	+ 0.90	0.71
UK Income	72.85	77.49†	+ 0.08	3.30
UK Intl 25	92.39	98.28	+ 0.22	2.14
New Europe	101.30	107.70	+ 0.10	0.24
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	690.43	739.43	- 1.63	0.36
-do- Accum	693.13	741.32	- 1.65	0.36
Income	428.35	458.13	+ 0.07	3.18
Wwide Recovery	458.56	490.43	- 0.36	0.50
Amer Growth Inc	309.17	330.09	2.45	0.01
-do- Accum	309.17	330.09	2.45	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	296.22	316.82	- 0.70	0.07
Far Estn Grth Inc	311.56	333.21	- 2.25	0.84
-do- Accum	312.68	334.42	- 2.27	0.84
Euro Gwth Inc	179.93	192.19	- 0.75	0.68
-do- Accum	180.56	192.85	0.76	0.68
UK Growth Inc	112.98	120.84	- 0.19	2.71
-do- Accum	121.34	129.78	0.21	2.71
High Income	111.63	119.40†	+ 0.07	3.91
Jap Gwth Inc	214.13	228.54	+ 0.60	0.34
-do- Accum	214.13	228.54	+ 0.60	0.34
PEP Bond	52.17	54.42	- 0.03	7.42
PEP Growth	145.81	155.95	- 0.29	0.85
Asian Sh Mkts Inc	137.00	146.53	+ 0.33	0.14
-do- Accum	137.33	146.88	+ 0.34	0.14
Amer Smlr Co Inc	197.78	211.54	- 1.40	0.01
-do- Accum	197.78	211.54	- 1.40	0.01
Global Bond	57.72	60.81	- 0.04	4.92
UK Smaller Cos Inc	107.61	115.10†	+ 0.05	1.52
-do- Accum	114.66	122.64	+ 0.05	1.52
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3927				
American	138.05	146.86	+ 0.49	
European	94.79	100.84	- 0.37	
Global	70.84	75.36†		
Pacific	62.34	66.32	- 0.34	
UK Inc & Grth	79.63	84.71	- 0.05	2.01
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg. 01277 690 430				
Emerg Mkts	50.09	53.00†	+ 0.05	0.98
Fund of Funds Inc	193.86	205.14	- 0.18	0.58
Fund of Funds Acc	195.22	200.59	- 0.17	0.58
High Income #	54.27	57.43†	- 0.12	5.66
Performance	47.21	50.22	- 0.03	.
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	171.15	182.08†	+ 0.03	2.12
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	120.20	127.80†	- 0.30	3.09
Conv & Gilt	118.20	125.00	+ 0.20	5.05
European Income	89.82	95.56	- 0.31	2.93
Extra Income	181.60	193.20	+ 0.90	4.63
-do- Accum	234.30	249.30	+ 1.10	4.63
Far East	432.50	460.20	+ 0.70	
-do- Accum	441.60	469.80	+ 0.70	
Global Income	28.86	30.70†	+ 0.12	5.35
High Income	136.30	145.00	+ 0.60	4.42
-do- Accum	171.90	182.90	+ 0.70	4.42
International	219.60	233.60	+ 0.10	0.55
-do- Accum	227.50	242.00	+ 0.10	0.55
Pref & Fxd Int	43.70	46.49†	- 0.01	7.37

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	143.40	152.60	- 0.20	1.43
-do- Accum	158.90	169.10	- 0.30	1.43
Technology	702.10	746.90	- 0.80	
UK Blue Chip	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.46	3.06
-do- Accum	100.50	107.40	+ 0.60	3.06
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4490				
Managed Tst	45.85	47.51	+ 0.16	1.73
Cash Haven Inc	100.65	101.34†	+ 0.03	5.07
Cash Haven Acc	119.33	119.81	+ 0.04	5.07
Dist Trust Inc	105.29	109.10†	+ 0.34	6.36
Dist Trust Acc	117.99	122.27	+ 0.38	6.36
Global Growth	105.99	112.78†	- 1.22	1.40
Equity Inc	90.03	95.75†	- 1.48	4.56
Equity	877.33	933.33	+ 5.53	2.34
European	271.69	281.75	+ 1.97	0.76
High Income	92.19	99.07†	+ 0.18	5.33
Intl Grth	222.16	236.34†	- 1.13	0.73
Intl Sm Co	93.22	102.49	- 0.45	0.64
Japanese	223.03	237.13	- 1.46	
Nth Amer	236.63	245.34†	- 0.78	1.26
Pacific Mkts	117.05	121.30†	- 0.09	0.69
Premier Inc	46.21	50.18†	- 0.07	6.58
Sm Cos	113.09	120.37	+ 3.25	1.68
Spec Sits	126.94	135.04†	- 2.39	2.61
UK Growth	144.63	153.86†	- 0.87	2.31
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	82.18	86.41	+ 0.16	3.96
Investment Trust	113.71	119.57	+ 0.21	
UK Smaller Cos	108.89	114.50†	+ 0.28	1.21
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	335.50	356.80	+ 0.30	3.52
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers 0171 623 1000				
Five Arrows Funds				
America (Inc)	660.72	702.76	- 0.24	0.21
America (Acc)	773.30	822.57	- 0.28	0.21
Amer Smllr Cos	58.31	62.35		
Asia	56.07	59.62	- 0.21	
European	417.25	442.11	- 0.22	0.63
Japan	238.32	253.47	+ 1.13	
Jap Smllr Cos	44.06	47.03	+ 0.07	
Major UK Cos	115.20	122.80†	- 0.05	2.10
Smllr UK Cos	[illegible]	432.67	+ 0.50	1.09
UK Equity Inc	192.61	195.07	- 0.03	3.70
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	51.82	54.11	- 0.35	
Cash	48.21	50.21		3.15
Emerging Mkts	49.39	51.58	- 0.20	
Europe	62.35	65.11	- 0.15	
Global Fixed Int #	52.31	54.63	- 0.13	5.59
Japan	44.20	46.16	- 0.19	
North America	68.66	71.70	- 0.17	
UK	63.92	66.75	- 0.01	0.51
UK Equity Inc #	60.84	63.54	- 0.10	4.12
UK Fixed Int #	50.95	53.21	- 0.04	6.33
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Grth Port	51.28	53.13	- 0.16	
Pep Inc Port #	49.84	51.84	- 0.07	4.27
NMR Personal Pension				
Deposit	89.72	94.44	- 0.04	
Gilt	99.60	104.84	+ 0.07	
Managed	116.94	123.08	- 1.84	
Portfolio	50.24	52.88	- 0.15	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq. 01733 390 000				
United States	119.10	126.70	+ 0.10	0.24
Pacific Basin	83.22	89.39	+ 0.09	0.25
High Inc Dist	155.90	166.00	+ 0.20	3.97
Ryl Life Intl Cbry	64.91	68.55	- 0.08	3.77
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	78.94	84.05†	- 0.11	0.12
Ryl Life Intl Spec	74.13	78.86	- 0.02	
UK Emerging Cos	143.20	154.80	- 0.80	1.34
UK Index Trckg	194.70	207.00	- 0.10	3.60
European	172.30	184.70	+ 0.30	0.25
Managed	179.50	193.00	+ 0.20	1.02
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	195.40	207.80†	- 0.30	1.57
European Growth	140.60	149.30	+ 0.30	2.17
Far East Growth	147.00	156.40†	- 0.20	1.72
Japan Growth	131.40	139.70	- 0.50	
Special Sits	241.50	256.90	- 0.40	1.10
UK Growth	98.64	104.90	+ 0.10	1.83
Triton General	289.30	307.80	- 0.20	1.44
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	176.90	187.20	+ 0.10	0.71
Gt Euro Prog Inc	412.50	436.50	+ 1.30	0.40
-do- Accum	644.70	682.20	+ 1.90	0.40
Growth Inc	156.40	165.50	+ 0.30	0.52
-do- Accum	160.40	169.70	+ 0.30	0.52
International Inc	408.10	431.90	+ 1.30	0.39
-do- Accum	564.40	597.20	+ 1.60	0.39
Nth Am & Intl Inc	396.20	419.20	- 2.70	0.36
UK Gen Prog Inc	252.60	267.30		0.98
-do- Accum	289.40	306.20		0.98
UK High Inc Inc	145.10	153.50	+ 0.10	4.68
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
Asian Gwth	123.66	131.56	+ 0.81	0.75
European Gwth	89.66	95.59	- 0.10	1.00
Global Bd	62.13	65.64	+ 0.17	5.00
Japan	56.33	59.92	+ 0.22	.
UK Gwth	88.11	93.73	- 0.03	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokerline: 0800 727 770				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	89.97	95.71	- 0.44	3.16
Amer Smlr Cos	149.90	159.50	- 0.30	
Capital Portfolio	151.20	160.90	+ 0.30	0.93
Cash	134.40	134.40		5.18
China Dragon	63.81	67.88	+ 0.24	1.32
Commodity	150.10	159.70	- 0.60	
Emerging Mkts	37.66	40.06	- 0.01	0.30
Energy Inds	162.70	173.10	- 0.30	
European Gwth	237.50	252.70	+ 0.90	0.29
Euro Inc & Gwth #	95.93	102.10†	+ 0.50	1.85
Euro Smllr Cos	75.47	80.29	+ 0.25	0.23
Exempt Income #	152.20	156.20†	+ 0.30	3.72
Extra Income #	56.43	57.27†	+ 0.06	6.19
Far Eastern	113.10	120.30	+ 0.50	
FE Sm Cos	45.41	48.31	- 0.10	
Financial Secs	287.00	305.30	- 0.70	0.83
Gold & Exploration	108.90	115.90	- 0.30	
Growth	416.80	418.90	+ 0.40	1.69
High Income #	48.69	48.69†	- 0.01	7.50
High Yield #	257.90	274.40	+ 0.30	3.02
Intl Bond	172.40	182.10	+ 0.60	5.85
ITU	236.90	252.00	+ 0.30	0.75
Income #	130.20	138.50†	+ 0.10	3.70
Japan Growth	180.60	192.10	+ 1.70	
Japan Smaller	195.50	208.00	+ 0.80	
Korea	57.43	61.10	+ 0.19	
Latin America	40.70	43.30†	- 0.06	0.94
Masterfund	65.84	68.17	+ 0.95	0.96
Premier Eq Grth	157.10	167.10	+ 0.30	1.05
Premier Eq Inc #	349.80	372.10	+ 0.50	3.51
Scotyields #	277.30	294.90	- 0.20	2.64
Select Intl	156.70	165.60	- 0.10	0.57
Smaller Cos Inc #	262.00	278.70	+ 0.50	3.57
SE Asia	52.41	55.76	+ 0.09	0.08
Southern Africa	56.15	59.73†	+ 0.14	1.36
UK & O'seas	195.40	207.90	+ 0.30	1.07
UK Eqty Gth	78.80	83.83	+ 0.12	1.54
UK Eqty Inc #	248.90	264.90†	- 0.10	4.16
UK Grth & Inc #	282.70	300.70†	+ 0.40	3.35
UK Sm Cos	59.75	63.56	+ 0.24	1.26
US Growth	211.80	225.30	- 0.30	
Univ Growth	159.10	169.30	.	0.72
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	335.34	354.69	- 1.56	0.59
-do- Accum	369.84	391.19	- 1.71	0.59
European Gwth	91.55	96.99	+ 0.08	0.80
Euro Smllr Cos	113.52	120.97	+ 0.21	0.20
Far Eastern Gth	111.58	119.01†	+ 0.12	
-do- Accum	113.73	121.31†	+ 0.12	
Gilt & Fixed Inc #	52.67	55.41	+ 0.09	7.47
Global Bond #	51.78	53.50†	+ 0.17	6.48
-do- Accum #	61.69	63.74†	+ 0.20	6.48
Global Emer Mkts	57.30	61.12	- 0.15	
-do- Accum	57.36	61.17	- 0.15	
Income #	411.91	439.37	+ 1.18	4.96
-do- Accum #	£13.64	£14.55	+ 3.91	4.96
Japan Smlr Cos	465.03	496.03†	+ 0.65	
-do- Accum	465.96	497.02†	- 0.66	
Japan Enterprise	67.92	72.44	+ 0.20	
Pacific Gwth	158.67	169.24†	+ 0.48	0.61
-do- Accum	164.36	175.31†	+ 0.50	0.61
Portfolio	94.13	100.40†	+ 0.25	1.76
-do- Accum	104.69	111.67†	+ 0.29	1.76
Seoul	48.44	51.66	+ 0.10	
-do- Accum	48.44	51.66	+ 0.10	
Smaller Cos	315.35	336.37	+ 0.16	0.55
Strategic Inc	100.02	106.67†	+ 0.31	2.28
Strategic Acc	101.44	108.19†	+ 0.31	2.28
Tokyo	129.93	138.59	+ 0.91	
-do- Accum	131.25	139.99	+ 0.91	
UK Enterprise	328.00	349.86†	+ 2.41	2.25
-do- Accum	405.32	432.34†	+ 2.98	2.25
UK Equity	298.07	317.94†	+ 1.02	2.58
-do- Accum	602.48	642.64†	+ 2.06	2.58
US Smllr Cos	222.18	236.99	- 0.38	
-do- Accum	222.18	236.99	- 0.38	
Institutional Funds				
European	291.41	302.29†	+ 0.69	1.46
-do- Accum	329.09	341.37†	- 0.77	1.46
Euro Smllr Cos	37.90	39.47	+ 0.13	1.07
-do- Accum	40.77	42.46	+ 0.13	1.07
Global Equity Inc	92.52	96.37	+ 0.28	0.92
Japan Smllr Cos	40.01	41.67†	- 0.12	0.05
-do- Accum	40.40	42.07†	+ 0.11	0.05
Mngd Balanced	224.87	234.03	+ 0.67	3.23
-do- Accum	261.96	272.87	+ 0.79	3.23
Overseas Equity	222.62	231.89†	+ 0.63	1.12
-do- Accum	233.52	243.24†	+ 0.65	1.12
Oseas Smlls Cos	151.01	157.30	+ 0.08	0.93
-do- Accum	159.13	165.75	+ 0.08	0.93
Pacific	282.31	294.07	+ 1.00	1.39
-do- Accum	312.97	326.01	+ 1.11	1.39
Recovery	£23.50	£24.48†	+ 11.47	3.05
-do- Accum	£25.88	£26.93†	+ 12.63	3.05
UK Index	182.27	189.86	+ 0.05	3.38
-do- Accum	232.36	242.04	+ 0.07	3.38
UK Small Cos	141.36	147.24	+ 0.29	2.39
-do- Accum	155.18	161.64	+ 0.32	2.39
US Smlls Cos	64.38	67.06	- 0.13	0.46
-do- Accum	65.93	68.67	- 0.14	0.46
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	57.32	60.62	+ 0.03	2.78
Equity Trust	75.04	79.36		2.93
Equity Strategy	88.88	93.91	+ 0.24	1.30
European Opps	107.09	113.25	+ 0.32	0.49
UK Smaller Cos	81.06	85.73	+ 0.27	0.90
Maximum Inc	98.16	100.74	+ 0.04	5.97
Japanese	79.58	84.18	+ 0.07	
Asia Pacific	128.69	136.09	+ 0.32	0.69
American	132.47	140.09	- 0.43	0.39
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	33.07	33.07	+ 0.01	5.23
UK General Inc	61.22	66.30	+ 0.38	3.57
-do- Accum	83.10	88.64	+ 0.51	3.57
Intl Income	297.84	317.93	+ 1.08	1.66
-do- Accum	522.48	557.71	+ 1.89	1.66
European	101.72	107.72	+ 0.04	2.01
Japan	69.39	73.49	+ 0.60	
American	93.77	99.14	- 0.67	1.61
Far East	92.02	98.15	+ 0.24	1.42
Ethical Inc	39.05	41.77†	+ 0.10	1.89
UK Blue Chip Inc	39.16	41.89†	+ 0.12	3.33
High Inc Inc	41.40	44.15	+ 0.12	3.92
UK Global Inc	47.30	50.48†	+ 0.30	2.06
Wwide Tacl	81.51	86.89	+ 0.23	1.13
Europe 2000 Tacl	69.84	74.20	+ 0.13	1.72
Technology	151.70	161.64	- 0.26	0.96
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	471.60	503.30	+ 2.80	2.81
American	344.60	365.50	2.70	0.38
Pacific	418.90	448.00	+ 2.30	0.24
European	696.60	745.00	+ 1.30	1.31
Worldwide	104.30	111.50	+ 0.50	0.45
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	322.80	343.50	+ 1.50	1.94
-do- Accum	423.00	450.10	+ 2.00	1.94
UK Sr Co Eq Inc	272.30	289.70	+ 0.50	1.34
-do- Accum	335.00	356.40	- 0.60	1.34
Select Opptnty Inc	83.58	89.40	+ 0.20	1.72
Income Plus Inc	82.01	87.25	+ 0.38	3.13
European Inc	438.40	466.40	+ 1.10	0.95
-do- Accum	500.00	532.00	+ 1.10	0.95
Far Eastern Inc	187.80	199.80	+ 0.90	0.72
-do- Accum	216.40	230.30	+ 1.00	0.72
Japanese Inc	62.89	66.91	+ 0.41	
Nth American Inc	317.00	337.30	0.70	0.19

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth Inc	234.10	249.10	+ 0.70	0.36
Europe Venture Inc	95.80	102.00		0.48
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 668 3724				
Equity Inc	441.10	470.50		2.40
-do- Accum	668.30	713.40	- 0.10	2.40
UK High Inc	209.80	223.70	+ 0.10	2.82
-do- Accum	319.80	341.10	+ 0.20	2.82
Europe Inc	474.10	505.60	- 1.30	0.72
Nth Amer Inc	320.80	342.10	- 2.80	
Global Inc	263.90	281.40	- 0.70	0.28
Global Acc	284.20	303.10	- 0.80	0.28
UK Spec Sits Inc	127.50	136.00	- 0.30	1.74
South East Asia	240.50	256.50	+ 0.70	0.48
Cash Trust Inc	100.80	100.80	+ 0.10	5.05
UK Smllr Cos Inc	123.40	131.60	+ 0.20	1.60
-do- Accum	129.70	138.30	+ 0.20	1.60
Intl Bond Inc	95.59	101.50	+ 0.40	5.15
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries 01277 227 300 Dealing 01277 261 010				
European	160.80	169.30†	+ 0.10	0.70
Nth American	139.70	147.00†	- 0.40	
Intl Bond & Conv	128.60	135.40	+ 0.10	6.59
Prudent Pension (T)	231.80	249.30†		1.92
Smaller Cos	115.60	121.70	+ 0.30	0.80
UK General #	160.50	168.90	+ 0.20	2.23
Far Eastern	100.30	105.60	+ 0.30	
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 628 6226				
Amer Gth Fund ‡	125.69		- 0.34	
Aztec ‡	69.80		- 0.27	..
European ‡	167.44		- 0.06	.
Global Bond ‡	92.71		+ 0.19	8.08
Investment Trust ‡	114.54		+ 0.06	0.97
Preferred Income ‡	108.39		+ 0.48	4.83
Samurai ‡	59.46		+ 0.22	..
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.54		+ 0.03	4.70
UK Growth ‡	110.38		+ 0.51	2.36
Ta Pan ‡	105.39		+ 0.58	
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	113.42		+ 0.34	2.36
UK Equity Inc ‡	111.49		- 0.39	4.80
Glob Gwth PEP	77.50	82.44	+ 0.25	1.17
Pref Inc PEP #	101.00	107.30†	- 0.10	5.99
Inv Trust PEP	57.34	60.99	- 0.03	..
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	459.20	485.80	- 2.10	0.82
Capital	143.10	153.00†	- 0.20	1.17
Cash	101.71	101.71	+ 0.10	5.20
European	162.30	171.70	+ 0.18	0.79
Far Eastern	161.90	171.30	- 0.60	.
Growth	159.50	168.70†		0.97
Income #	137.80	145.60		4.58
Magnum	153.00	163.60†	- 0.10	1.34
Smlr Secs	532.50	563.50	+ 1.07	0.47
Thoroughbred	178.60	191.10†	- 0.30	1.11
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
Capital Prmnce	56.08	59.97†	+ 0.04	7.03
Ethical	83.63	89.44	- 0.06	0.89
European Growth	82.51	87.68	+ 0.13	1.70
Income	61.09	65.33	+ 0.14	3.83
Intl Growth	113.50	120.70	+ 0.20	1.24
Managed	93.80	99.94	+ 0.28	2.00
UK Growth	76.48	81.79†	+ 0.27	1.83
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	46.06	49.30†	- 0.10	1.58
Global Advtg Acc	50.21	50.47	- 0.10	1.58
Income Advtg Inc	34.96	35.14	+ 0.10	3.29
Income Advtg Acc	40.59	40.80	+ 0.10	3.29
UK Equity Gth Acc	96.79	102.60	+ 0.30	0.91
Premier Inc Inc	48.98	51.56		6.95
Premier Inc Acc	51.75	54.47		6.95
Managed Acc	61.82	65.53	- 0.10	1.50
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	40.24	42.86	+ 0.10	4.05
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	52.69	55.86	+ 0.10	4.05
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	76.14	80.90		2.21
UK Equity Gen Inc	55.03	58.47		2.21
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	31.94	33.78		6.59
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	369.80	400.20	- 1.10	1.38
Nth American Acc	57.95	61.58	- 0.20	
Pacific Basin	46.21	49.10	- 0.10	0.46
European Acc	61.06	64.88	..	0.88
Japan Acc	27.47	29.19	- 0.20	
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZ$)	4.480	4.759		1.94
US Eqts (US$)	3.256	3.457		0.75
Far East Eqts (yen)	271.10	288.00		
FT Europe	154.20	163.80		0.67
FT N Amer (US$)	2.465	2.618		0.39
FT Japan (yen)	234.60	248.70		
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.840	3.017		0.56
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	519.10	550.00	+ 0.50	
British #	1279.60	1353.80	+ 3.80	[illegible]
Emerg Mkts	163.40	174.00	- 0.30	[illegible]
Euro Small Co	66.90	71.25	+ 0.20	[illegible]
Japan	139.50	148.10	+ 0.80	
New Pacific	441.50	470.20	+ 0.70	1.02
-do- Accum	475.10	505.90	+ 0.70	1.03
Inv Trust Acc	302.20	320.30	+ 0.90	0.86
Mngd Equity	204.30	216.10†	+ 0.50	1.74
Mngd Cash	95.82	95.82†	+ 0.03	5.18
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 389				
Equity	1050.00	1123.00	+ 7.00	1.87
North America	196.30	208.90	- 0.20	
Far East	169.80	181.70	- 2.00	..
Wwide Bond	60.98	64.74	+ 0.15	4.66
European	136.70	145.10		0.87
Equity Income #	104.07	111.20	+ 0.60	4.65
Portfolio	109.10	116.70	+ 0.30	1.40
UK Leading Cos	75.76	80.81	+ 0.50	3.09
High Inc Bond	50.20	50.27†	+ 0.13	6.57
Broker Trusts				
Intl Equity	76.02	81.30†	- 0.15	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Antares UT	24.03	25.57†	+ 0.01	0.82
Corp Bd Gilt Inc	96.40	102.56	+ 0.05	7.25
Corp Bd & Gilt Acc	97.62	103.85†	+ 0.05	7.35
European	48.95	52.08†	+ 0.08	0.88
High Income	35.20	37.45	+ 0.12	4.15
Japan	35.80	38.09†	+ 0.19	0.07
Managed Assets	142.32	152.22†	+ 0.52	2.82
North American	43.81	46.61†		0.84
Smlr Co's Inc	36.66	39.01	+ 0.09	1.85
Smlr Co's Acc	39.95	42.50†	+ 0.11	1.85
UK Growth Inc	63.13	67.16†	+ 0.36	2.90
UK Growth Acc	71.12	75.67†	+ 0.41	2.98
UK Income	44.44	47.54	+ 0.10	5.58
Worldwide Grth	41.29	44.17	+ 0.05	0.04
SLCAM				
Asian & Oceanic Ex	32.97	33.99	+ 0.05	1.74
European Exmpt	99.20	102.27	+ 0.11	1.70
Japan Exempt	29.99	30.92	+ 0.17	0.07
US Exmpt	96.50	99.49	+ 0.25	1.42
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6018				
Discretionary	57.89	61.59	- 0.18	
Cap Protector Inc	47.20	50.21	+ 0.01	2.80
UK Income Inc	58.88	62.64	+ 0.14	3.38
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	35.18	37.36†	+ 0.04	6.68
Mngd High Yld Inc	87.45	93.03†	+ 0.09	[illegible]
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	85.12	90.55	+ 0.26	[illegible]
UK Smaller Cos	40.31	42.88	+ 0.09	1.72
Pacific Grth Port	52.49	55.84	- 0.20	0.89
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	298.82	316.21†	- 1.99	
-do- Accum	329.13	348.29†	- 2.19	.
Brit Growth	117.34	124.17	+ 0.69	1.98
-do- Accum	144.66	153.08	+ 0.85	1.98
European	128.26	135.73†	+ 0.18	0.03
-do- Accum	137.00	144.97†	+ 0.19	0.03
Extra Income	206.63	218.65	+ 0.69	5.38
-do- Accum	369.11	390.60	+ 1.23	5.38
Smaller Cos	90.19	95.43	+ 0.22	0.71
-do- Accum	102.90	108.88	+ 0.25	0.71
General	344.85	364.92†	+ 1.08	2.12
-do- Accum	737.06	779.96†	+ 3.62	2.12
Premier Income	50.83	52.95†	- 0.03	6.66
-do- Accum	126.30	131.56†	- 0.09	6.66
Income	366.88	388.23	+ 1.52	3.47
-do- Accum	848.88	898.29	+ 3.54	3.47
Pacific	435.24	460.58	+ 0.89	..
-do- Accum	457.33	483.95	+ 0.93	
International	638.89	676.08	- 0.25	0.01
-do- Accum	841.83	890.82	- 0.34	0.01
Nat Resources	199.77	211.39	- 0.46	
Gold Opps	128.02	135.47	+ 0.55	1.22
-do- Accum	166.96	176.68	+ 0.72	1.22
Environmental Inv	77.34	81.84†	+ 0.43	1.28
Selector	73.46	77.74	+ 0.38	1.65
-do- Accum	84.96	89.90	+ 0.35	1.65
High Income	67.68	71.62†	- 0.18	4.52
-do- Accum	91.98	97.34†	+ 0.25	4.52
Intl Income	64.64	68.40	+ 0.20	4.80
-do- Accum	84.39	89.30	+ 0.27	4.80
Selector Income	66.10	69.85	+ 0.17	4.21
-do- Accum	82.30	87.09	+ 0.21	4.21
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0181 687 1018				
Britain	403.75	425.00	+ 2.32	2.58
European	73.40	76.86	- 0.01	[illegible]
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	234.40	250.70†	+ 0.53	2.22
Glob Balncd Inc	198.53	210.19	+ 0.32	3.18
Value Tst Inc	143.91	153.91	+ 0.47	[illegible]
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	45.57	47.38	+ 0.09	5.60
European Growth	345.93	362.23	+ 1.16	1.08
Exempt	651.88	681.85†	+ 3.89	2.40
Global Em Mkts	84.76	88.75	+ 0.07	0.50
Japan Tst	79.71	83.46	+ 0.87	
Little Dragons	99.24	103.91	+ 0.02	
Nth Amer Gwth	291.14	304.85	- 1.03	0.58
Oriental Income #	48.25	50.52	+ 0.25	3.70
Preference	130.66	138.81	+ 0.09	8.78
Tiger	304.06	318.38	+ 1.48	.
UK Blue Chip	75.33	78.87	+ 0.44	1.90
UK Growth	649.05	679.63	+ 2.85	1.80
UK High Yield #	111.67	116.93†	+ 0.44	5.98
UK Mid-Cap	321.59	336.73	+ 0.60	1.80
UK Smlr Cos	136.46	142.88	+ 1.77	0.70
UK Smlr Cos Div #	92.07	96.48†	+ 0.03	5.70
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
01277 690 336				
UK Equity Income #	111.67	118.80	+ 0.47	5.31
UK Equity Growth	100.28	106.68	+ 0.50	3.08
European	77.72	82.68	+ 0.09	1.43
Nth American	89.44	95.15	- 1.11	0.20
Far Eastern	78.20	83.19	+ 0.36	0.87
Money	71.25	71.25	+ 0.02	4.59
Fixed Interest #	79.19	84.24	+ 0.18	7.39
Index Linked Gilt	71.26	75.81	+ 0.06	1.37
VIRGIN DIRECT PPS LTD				
0345 959595				
Income Trust	104.95	104.95	+ 0.03	7.10
UK Index Tracking	128.00	128.09	+ 0.08	2.92
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0131 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	30.09	31.67	+ 0.08	
Pacific Basin	44.34	46.67	+ 0.13	
Global Bond (US$)	0.8993	0.9367	+0.0025	
Penny Share	46.50	48.94	+ 0.11	
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 623 2444				
Challenger	95.44	98.45	+ 0.02	2.90
Short Dtd Gilt	123.90	125.50		
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7780	0.7882	+ 0.02	..
Gilt Income	51.88	53.99†	+ 0.01	6.00
Gilt Growth	76.95	80.08	+ 0.01	..
Sterling Bond	49.51	51.33		6.60
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4000				
Intl Mngd	55.50	59.02	- 0.10	1.56
UK Stockmarket	100.10	106.40		2.21
Corporate Bond	49.09	49.24	+ 0.07	6.59

Source: FT Information

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return) † Ex dividend ‡ Middle price. .. No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital. [illegible]

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
556	419	Allied Domecq	447	- 1	6.6	16.9
625	500	Bulmer (HP)	592	- 1	2.6	19.8
131	96	Burn Stewart	101	...	6.2	21.8
775	615	Glenmorangie A	765		2.0	19.6
464	411	Grand Met	456	+ 5½	4.2	19.4
493	435	Guinness	473	+ 2	3.9	15.4
378	315	Highland Distl	365	- 4	2.7	17.0
195	150	Macallan-Glen	153		1.2	31.4
803	656	Matthew Clark	696	- 1	4.3	33.2
141	93	Mingdom WI	121		4.6	
2612½	1706¼	SA Breweries	1737½	- 12½	2.0	

BANKS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3675	2742¾	ABN-AMRO	3633¾	+ 65½	3.8	12.4
663	528	Abbey Nat	585	+ 1	5.0	10.7
385	315	Allied Irish	360	- 4	5.0	10.3
338	285	Aus New Z	325	- 1	5.7	8.0
5443¾	3843¾	Bank America	5375	+ 75		
316	227½	Bank Scotland	247	+ ½	3.5	10.4
904	683	Barclays†	879	+ 2½	4.0	9.6
488	413	Bk of Ireland	469		4.1	
482	379	Cater Allen	423		8.9	12.5
5637½	4031¼	Citicorp	5568¾	- 37½		
392	318	Close Bros	338	+ 1	3.3	15.0
£157¼	£131½	Commerzbk	£151½	+ 9¾	3.5	
1350	1065¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1090¾	+ 3½	0.5	
3412½	2950	Deutsche Bk	3268¾	+ 3½	2.4	
803¾	593¾	Espirito Santo	708¾		5.0	9.5
1507	1196¾	Fuji Bank Y	1202½	- 1½	0.4	
472	337	Gerrard Nat	340		8.5	10.8
252	196	Hambros†	237	+ 1	4.0	
1169	931	HSBC	1147		4.2	10.7
1135	930	HSBC HK	1117	+ 2	4.3	10.4
421	385	Irish Perm	418		3.0	11.4
177	143	King Shaxson	165		6.8	14.3
458	405	Leopold JJ	448	+ 15	5.4	16.2
355½	294½	Lloyds TSB†	346	+ 1	4.3	14.7
640	566	Nat Aust Bk	606	+ 6	7.1	7.8
711	605½	Nat Westm†	661½	+ 8½	5.0	9.4
66	50	Rea Brothers	50		2.5	24.0
596	468	Royal Bk Scot	502	- 2	4.2	11.1
1390	1185	Schroders	1326		1.5	18.5
1138	890	Schroders N/V	998	+ 3	2.0	13.9
122	99½	Singer & Fried	113½		4.4	9.4
719	547	Stand Chart	703	+ 1	2.1	13.6
106	85½	Union	99		3.8	10.5
£174¼	£131¾	Wells Fargo†	£157	+ 150	2.1	
329½	264	Westpac	294	- ½	4.8	
360	268	Woolwich	358		4.5	

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
90	36	Abda Stk HvO	70	+ 10		5.9
387	263	Ascot Hldgs	339	+ 1		17.8
838	702	Bass	820	- 5	3.6	17.7
70	40	Bd for the Bar	44	+ 1	4.8	
177	161	Burtonwood Brwl	167		4.1	15.1
126½	92	City Centre Rest	123	- ½	2.3	23.2
627	463	Compass Gp	547		1.8	26.1
265	190	Eldridge P 'A' ©	264		2.3	24.3
540	413	Fuller Sm 'A' C 1	505	- 5	2.3	17.2
636	546	Greenalls Grp	589		3.7	15.5
671	567½	Greene King▼	620		3.1	14.6
286	222	Grosvenor Inns	222	- 3	3.3	
259	204	Groupe Chez Ger	222		1.4	22.5
357	299	Hardy Hanson	304	+ 1	4.2	11.3
3475	3050	Holt J	3075		2.3	16.7
72	45	Inn Business	64		1.1	30.0
355	313	Mansfield†	316	- 2	2.3	15.4
353½	275	Marston Thmp	294		3.1	12.0
673	535	Morland	560		2.7	17.0

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
558	426	Bramner	542	+ 2	3.3	16.9
26	18	Bridgend Gp	26	+ 1	1.0	
123	76	Brit Fittings	103	+ 3	4.4	14.1
290	245	Caffyns	285		5.0	22.6
160	105	Cawdale†	152	- ½	2.8	10.0
107½	78	Charles Sidney	96		4.9	13.5
79	54½	Cook (DC)	70		3.8	
404¾	276¾	Cowie▼	362	- 1½	3.7	12.5
175	120½	Dag Motors	145		6.6	10.1
163	125¾	Dennans D	138	...	2.4	13.8
434	328	Diploma	343		5.3	12.1
407	328	Electrocomponts†	365	+ 5	2.9	23.4
314	172	Eurodis Elec	200		3.1	
134	65	Eurodollar	100		5.2	15.0
105	75	European Mkt	102	..	6.4	11.5
375	286	Evans Halshaw	300	..	6.7	11.2
67	48	Fife Indmar	50		8.2	6.9
338	248	Finelist Grp	277½	- 1½	2.5	16.3
30½	16½	Gardiner	29¼		3.8	11.6
76	33½	Glentheiston	74½	+ ½	1.5	54.7
91	75	Gowrings	77		4.5	11.7
292	216	Harris (Philip)	264		3.9	19.8
293	200½	Heatson	277	- 1	2.2	22.1
200	132	Holders Tech	178		4.2	16.7
190	153	ISA Intl	185	+ 2	1.7	18.8
316	231	Inchcape	278		4.1	
78	33	Jacks (Wm)	75		2.9	28.0
251	169	Kwik-Fit	246		2.5	17.3
389	299	Lex Service†	372	+ 1	5.2	11.9
155	119	Lookers†	127	+ ½	7.9	7.4
17	10½	Mateus Grp	11½	...	7.0	12.2
9½	6½	Middlesex©	6¾		1.4	10.8
47	31	Mosaics	39½	+ ½	0.8	
565	442	Mosaic	500		1.9	14.6
349	230	Northamber	286	- 9	1.0	10.5
162	108	PCT©	125		7.7	12.1
341	272	Pendragon	316	+ 1	3.6	16.0
211	145	Perry Gp	185		5.4	11.0
745	602	Premier Farnell	623		2.2	16.6
190	135	Quicks Group	189	+ 1	4.1	15.8
315	185	REA†	259	- 2	1.9	32.9
3	2	Reece	2¾			
61	33	Roscoe	34	+ ½	5.5	10.4
4½	2	Ross Gp	3¼			
56	46½	SEP Ind	51½		4.1	11.0
195	120	Sellre	143		0.9	19.1
373	246	Time Products	333		3.8	
41	30	Torex Hire	36	+ 1	4.5	18.9
223	123	UMECO†	218	+ 1	2.4	19.1
332½	262½	Vardy (Reg)▲	308		2.7	
463	325	Wholesale Ftgs	458	- 2	3.6	
59	25¼	Wilshaw	33¼	+ 1¼	3.2	8.9
155	78	Wyko	145		2.0	
133	104	Young (H)	118		4.2	10.9

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
299	200	Quadramatic	278	+ 3	3.9	16.2
18	12	Quadrant Grp	12		2.6	
65	62	Radiant Metal	65			
69	53	Ransomes†	67		1.0	15.1
83	56½	Record	66		6.8	12.4
324	231	Renold	289		2.4	13.9
36	13	Richards Group	14	- 2	20.1	
88	75	Richardson West	76		6.0	8.8
246	187	Rolls-Royce	222		2.8	26.5
258	171	Rotork	254		3.1	20.8
182	160	Rubicon	178		4.3	
1568¾	1187½	SKF 'B'	1403¾	- 9¾	3.6	7.9
112	92½	Senior Eng	100	+ 1	4.5	18.8
278	156	Siebe	260	+ 6	1.4	26.9
938	750	Siebert	901	- 2	1.8	20.5
84	47	Simon Eng	50		1.6	11.2
301	150	Sir Hundredt	291	+ 7	1.7	12.8
745	632	Spirax	738	+ 1	2.5	21.9
780	583	Spirax-Sarco	778		2.1	23.0
324	287	Sterling Intl	318		3.3	17.0
562	456	TI	525	+ 8½	3.2	18.7
124	92	Tinsley (E)†	121		6.0	13.6
127	72	Transtec	113		2.4	24.5
180	140	Triplex Lloyd†	160		5.2	10.1
161	137	Unicorn Ind	158		4.4	9.4
82½	71	Utd Inds	71		4.0	10.5
23	10¾	Vanton	20¼			
302	241	Vickers	269	+ 1	3.1	17.5
14	9	Villiers Grp	10			18.6
770	656	Vitec	685		2.0	12.7
882	750	Vosper Thornyt	760	+ 8	3.9	13.1
436	306	Wagon Ind	337		7.6	9.0
271	212	Weir	223	+ 1	4.2	13.4
275	228	Wellington Hdg	266		3.5	17.5
59	42	Westmant	55		4.1	10.1
435	363	Whatman	420		3.5	17.9
122	73	Widney	77		5.8	8.9

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
151	109	Adwest	122	- 1	8.0	34.8
295	260	Airflow Stream	260	- 2	4.3	6.9
677	473	Avon Rubber	654		3.5	16.0
92	57¾	BSG	87	- ½	4.6	16.0
353	273	Bosrom	328	+ 3	2.5	14.4
29	15	Boustead	15½		8.7	
387	175	ERF	288		1.9	
536	431	First Tech	536	+ 2	2.0	
1044	778	GKN	1025	+ 6	3.1	17.6
3800	2950	General Mtr	3343¾	+ 68¾	3.1	
669	497	Healys	659	+ 1	2.3	19.3
1758¾	1312¾	Honda Motor	1518¾	+ 8¼	0.6	
502	386	Laird	461	- 1	3.3	13.4
475	425	Lindes	475		0.3	
256	172	Lucas†	233	+ 2	3.8	31.2
130½	91	Mayflower	120	- 1½	2.2	33.9
193	145	Sylone	185		3.9	14.1
187	127	T & N	137	+ 1	5.5	8.7
433	350	Trinity Hldgs	360	+ 5	2.8	17.6

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
77¾	67	Brazilian	72¼		2.2	
291	259	Brunner†	273	+ 2	2.7	43.5
132	113	BZW Conv	124½		7.8	15.6
564	468	Candover	544	+ 1	3.0	32.7
68	39	Central Euro Gwth	62½	+ ½	0.8	...
223	177	Contl Assets	221		1.7	
75	62	Dares Inv Inc†	62½		16.5	
390	325	Derby Cap	350			
180	136	Derby Inc†	137	- ½	78.5	7.1
744	654	Dunedin Inc G	708	+ 1	4.5	24.8
98	78	Dunedin Japan	78	- 1		
372	314	Dunedin Smlr	340		3.3	43.7
34	16	Dunedin Wts	19½			
885	780	Dunedin Worldwide	828		1.4	72.2
115½	90¾	Edin Dragon	91¾	- ¼	...	
30½	25	Edinburgh Incr	26¼			
345	312½	Edinburgh	330½	+ ½	3.8	28.7
177	145	EFM Japan	145	- 1		
410	362	Electra Inv	395		2.5	63.1
264	222	Electric Genl	244	+ 1	1.9	
156	138	English Scot	147			
410	332	European Assets	410		1.5	59.9
97	88½	Fidelity Asian Val	91	+ 1½		
225	193	Fidelity Euro Val	224		0.2	
85½	71	Fidelity Jap Val	71½		0.2	
131	102	Fidelity Spec Val	125	+ 1	0.5	
192	171½	Finsbury 'A'	192		2.5	
200½	174½	Five Arr Chile	192½	+ ½	1.7	54.3
43¾	27¾	Five Arr Wts	34½			
360	273	Fleming Amer	337	- 1	0.9	
129	100	Fleming Cap	100			
69½	54	Fleming Chinese	58	- ½	1.1	68.0
44	22	Fleming Ch Wts	25	+ ½		
283	250	Fleming Claverl	269		2.8	34.1
400	343	Fleming Cont	391		1.3	
160	127¾	Fleming Em Mkts	127½	- 1	0.2	
273	234	Fleming Ent	239		2.7	44.5
388	310	Fleming F East	313	+ 1	0.5	
464	385	Fleming Fledg†	443		0.8	
107	95	Fleming Hi Inc†	101½		5.8	19.5
107½	100½	Fleming Income	107½	+ ½	11.0	11.4
71½	51½	Fleming Indian	54½	- ½		
41	24	Fleming In Wts	25½			
43	37½	Fleming Ind	38½		13.0	
298	245	Fleming Japan	246	- ½		
345½	286	Fleming Merc	318		3.0	33.8
123	95	Fleming Nat Res	110½	- ½	0.6	
366	317	Fleming Overs	340	- 2	1.7	
143	128	Fleming Smllr Co	137	+ 1½	4.0	29.5
42	29	Fleming Smllr Wt	37	+ 1		
171	147	Foreign & Col	157	- ½	1.6	
113	90	F&C Inc Gwth	96		4.4	29.2
116	98	F&C Emg Mkts	100			
115	85½	F&C Enterprise	115	+ ½	1.3	70.5
305½	257	F&C Eurotst	300½	- 1	0.5	
142	125	F&C German	140½		0.5	
207	175	F&C Pacific	179½		1.3	62.5
147	134	F&C PEP	142	+ 2	3.5	33.1
200	172	F&C Smaller	182½	+ ½	1.6	72.7
147	122½	F&C US Smlr	138½			
59	50	Framlin Inc	51		12.0	9.3
70	58	Framlin Cap	63			
18	13	Folcrum Cap	13½			
35	28	Folcrum Inc	29	- 1	41.3	2.6

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
32	22½	Mercury Eur Wt	30½			
110	92	Mercury World	100		1.2	75.6
31	15	Mercury Wld Wts	18	- 1½		
615	567	Monks Inv Tst	602	+ 3	2.0	46.2
170½	151	Morg Gren Inc	160½		3.9	27.1
70½	53	Morg Wts	58½			
78½	57¾	Morg Latin Amer	71½		0.5	
32	20	Morg Wts	24½			
131	111	Murray Ext▼	123	...	2.5	46.5
24	16	Murray Ext Wts	17			
95	82	Murray Emg Eco	82½	- ½	1.4	74.6
35½	21	Murray Em Ec Wt	33½			
67	54	Murray Euro	63	..	0.7	
382	338	Murray Income	360½	+ 1½	4.6	
429	377	Murray Intl	414	- 1	3.8	38.3
193½	180	Murray S/C OP	193½			
151	135	Murray S/C Cap	142			
73	66	Murray S/C Inc	68		20.9	6.0
3150	2850	Murray S/C Uts	3050		0.5	
511	434	Murray Small	459	+ 1½	1.4	67.7
380	355	Murray Vent	372		4.1	30.5
9	7	Newmarket	9			
415	363	O'seas Inv Tst	389	- 1	1.1	
218	167	O'seas Wts	188			
147	118	Pacific Assets	124½		0.4	
93½	79½	Perpetual Jap	82	+ ½		
363	297	Perpl Uk Sm Co	333	- 1	0.9	70.3
£126½	£111½	Personal Assets	£125		2.2	43.1
125	103	Pilot Inv	112		2.2	45.7
127	108	Pacific Inc	119½		4.9	27.7
249	210	RIT Cap Ptn	243	- 1	0.8	
500	450	Rolinco	476		2.9	
542	475	Rolinco	513		1.5	
120½	99½	Schrd Asia Pac	106	+ ½		
122	110	Schrod Inc Gwth	115		4.3	
95	78¾	Schrod Jap Gwth	82½			
927½	726	Schrod Korea	726	- 32½		
33½	19½	Schrod Split Cap	19½			
103	82	Schrod Split Inc	101½		10.1	11.9
136	128½	Schrod Split Zero	136	+ ½		
136	117	Schrod UK Gwth	126		3.0	24.7
196	181	Schrod Vent Ind	184			
281	254	Scot	274½	+ 1	2.6	47.5
177½	159	Scot American	173	- ½	3.8	39.7
358	282	Scot Asian	282	- 1		
1065	725	Scot Wts	725			
106	92¾	Scot Eastern	100½	+ ½	2.2	52.2
278	253	Scot Mtge	270	- ½	2.2	45.5
95	88	Scot Nat Fst	92¾	+ ½	11.1	11.6
121	106½	Scot Value	119		2.1	55.8
2011	1823	Second Allnce	1933	+ 5	3.0	40.1
96½	89	Secs Tst of Scot	95½	+ ½	4.7	25.4
147	130	Shires Smlr	134	+ 1	5.4	21.0
378	345	St Andrew Inv	363		3.1	38.9
388	329½	Temple Bar	361½		5.1	22.4
127	108	Thrgmn Asian E	115			
58	45	Throg Dual Cp	50			
83½	73	Throgmorton†	75	+ ½	3.8	41.8
146½	125½	Tpleton Emg Mkt	135½		0.7	
173	152	TR City Of Lont	167½		4.2	
256½	193	TR Euro Growth	244		0.9	
193	170	TR Far East	179½	+ ½	4.5	29.0
135	109	TR High Inc	118		6.8	17.8
131	106	TR Pacific	110½	+ ½	0.2	

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93	75	City of Lon	83		7.7	12.1
138	90	Cordiant	110½	- ½		
1731¼	1300	Daily Mail	1493¾		1.5	36.4
1668¾	1168¾	Daily Mail 'A'	1368¾		1.7	33.4
646	495	Dorling Kind	526	+ 9	1.0	37.3
725	530	EMAP	695	+ 7	2.0	29.4
1091	845¾	Elsevier	1035¾	+ 21¼	2.2	25.1
1338	1030	Euromoney Pb	1303		4.2	24.9
43½	19	Flexo	38½			13.8
535	440	Flextech	474			
251	198	GGT Group	219		3.4	
259¾	174	GWR Grp	203	- 1	1.5	31.0
250	200	Gabicci Grp	230		2.4	15.1
30	18	Goodhead	30		0.4	
276	217	Grampian	270		2.5	23.3
401	284	HTV Group	358	- 1	1.3	34.5
328	277½	Haynes Pub	298		4.2	14.5
27	17	Highbury Hse	19			
250	199	Hollis H'ttee	202		4.0	15.5
166	145	Home Counts	155	+ 10	4.4	13.8
334	273	IBC	295		3.4	11.7
22½	10½	Incepta	20			56.4
325½	232	Independent▼	303		2.3	35.9
110	96	Interbrew	98		8.7	18.9
307½	134½	Johnston Press	182	+ 1	1.5	23.1
24	13	Lopex	16	- 1	3.9	8.2
343	142	MAID	265	- 15		
339	220	Marden	290		2.1	
71	55	Mediakey	59		2.0	
1080	647	Metal Bulletin	1043	- 22	2.0	32.1
155	108	Midland Ind	126	+ 1	3.5	16.4
247	175	Minty Gp	198		2.5	13.9
665	455	Mon. O'Ferrall	616		2.8	18.7
393	308	News Corp	338	+ 1	0.5	9.3
419	293	News Intl	369		1.1	14.5
42	20	Osprey Comms	30			
744	594	Pearson	680	+ 13	3.3	26.2
205	92	Phonelink	95	+ 1		
740	575	Portsmth Sund	693	+ 3	2.3	14.4
316	249	Quarto	298	- 1	3.0	12.0
1230	980	Reed Intl	1131	- 3	1.8	20.1
814	596	Reuters	738½	+ 3½	1.7	26.3
402	296	Scot Radio	383		2.4	22.7
741	468	Scot TV	707	+ 6	2.9	23.6
57½	36	Standard	50		3.2	6.8
58	30	Sleepy Kids©	24		0.5	9.0
374	267	Southnews	346	+ 2	2.1	22.5
30	23	Sterling Pub©	29	+ 1		
49½	35	Taylor Nelson	48		1.8	24.2
175	113	Television Cp	147		2.1	22.1
1105	865	Thomson Corp	1100	- 5	4.1	23.0
1873	1509	Thorn EMI	1783	- 8	2.9	36.6
459	342	Trinity Intl	408		3.3	19.0
278	209	Ulster TV	227		2.8	20.9
756	555	United News	675	- 3	4.3	22.3
140	105	VTR	105		5.4	10.4
263	209	Visual Action	211		2.8	15.5
223½	157	WPP	221	+ 7	0.8	19.8
92	66	Wilmington	84		0.4	27.7
1268	680	Yorkshire TV	1263		1.4	44.1

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1203	1075	Henderson Ad	1117	+ 14	5.0	17.9
286	217	Invesco	240	- ½	2.5	16.1
48	41	Investment Co.†	47	...	6.1	14.8
298	228	Ivory Sime	286	- 1	3.7	
230½	183¾	Jardine Stgl	208¼	+ 3½	4.5	
160	98	Johnson Fry	142	- 1	3.5	6.9
387	328	Liberty Intl	374	- 1	5.2	20.8
295	218	Lon Forfaiting	263	+ 3	4.8	13.7
261	215	London Pacific†	237	+ 1	7.9	
117	87½	Lon Scot Bk	102		3.2	19.2
186	139	Man ED & F†	164		7.7	7.9
1354	1069½	M & G	1078		3.9	20.0
993	841	MAM	976	+ 8	4.5	
109	94	Nat Home Loan	99		1.3	4.4
2575	1830	Perpetual	2275		2.6	26.2
496	385	Provident	447		3.9	17.9
336	310	Rathbone Bs	312		4.0	34.6
58½	37½	Rutland Tst	54	...	2.8	19.6
88	42	SEC Group	87		6.1	17.0
457	290	S & U	405		4.9	10.7
134	100	SJP Capital	114	+ 2	3.6	7.7
687	499½	Save Pacific	559	- ½	2.2	22.0
57	33	Towry Law	39		3.2	..
8	5	Trio Hldgs	5½	..	...	...

PHARMACEUTICALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
360	163¾	Brit Biotech†	215	- 10		
715	340	Cantab Pharms	603	- 15		
693	473½	Celltech	535	- 5	...	..
588	224	Chiroscience	392			
447	166	Cortecs	270	- 2		
969	767	Glaxo Wellcome†	867	+ 2	4.2	12.7
286	208	Medeva†	245	- 2	2.2	13.9
248	198	Peptide Thera	205			
808	524	Scotia	705			
766	183	Shire Pharms	323	- 1	..	...
96	68	SkyePharma	82			
727½	638½	SmithKline†	688	- 3½	2.6	24.7
525	478	Therp Anti Inc	473			
633	478	Vanguard	483			
1474	1216	Zeneca	1432	+ 4	2.6	30.9

PRINTING & PAPER

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
157	130	AG Holdings	157	..	4.6	13.2
685	547	API	665		2.0	22.1
140	91	App Holo	121			
217	164	Arjo Wiggins	179	+ 2	5.2	36.1
295	190	Aspen Comm©	200	+ 1	3.9	11.5
397	339	Beabrose	366		4.9	11.0
173	138	Baydon	169		1.2	27.0
2725	2037½	Bowater Inc	2234¾	+ 16¾		
315	209½	Bowater Intl	264	- 4	1.2	23.1
770	645	Br Polythene	740		2.8	15.6
38	16	Br Thornton	23			
168	132	Button Grp	133		2.8	12.1
243	191	Bunzl	224	- 1	3.2	14.6
210	173	Capital Inds	178		3.7	11.6
337	279	Cropper (James)†	327	+ 2	1.5	25.8
755	579	De La Rue†	614	+ 2	4.8	14.4
95	73	Delyn Group#	75		3.3	12.0
173	131	Dolphin Pack	170		3.8	18.4
103	86	Fairway Group	95		5.3	15.4
267	190	Ferguson Intl	230		7.2	12.2
275	145	Filofax	160		2.7	9.9
177	112	Inveresk†	144	- 1	5.0	12.9
310	207	Jarvis Porter	208	- 2	4.1	10.4
570	459	Low & Bonar	542	+ 2	3.2	14.9
105	66	MY Holdings	97	- 1	2.7	18.9
263	212	Macfarlane	222	+ 1	2.2	18.9
134	112	Nabo Gp	115		6.7	8.9
404	324	Portals	360	+ 1	2.3	20.0
201	158	Plysu	168		5.5	17.4

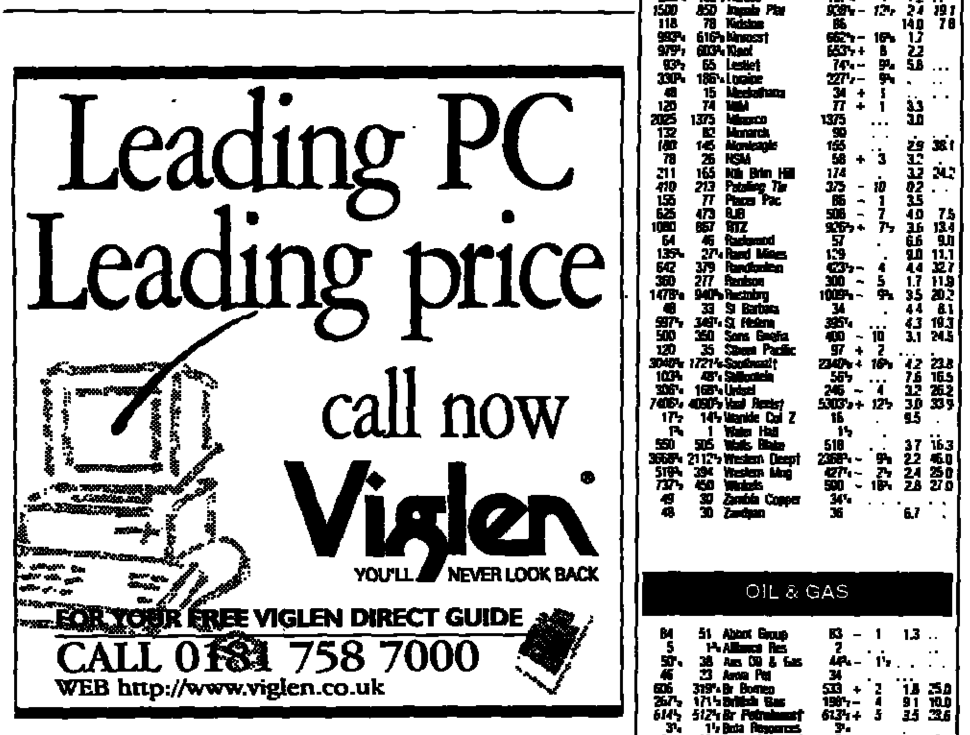
1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
498	258	Lloyds Chem	469		2.8	18.0
192	149½	MFI	192	+ 2	2.9	22.2
498½	416½	Marks Spencer	485	+ 2	2.9	20.0
635	525	Menzies (John)	571	..	3.1	14.3
21	15½	Merchant Retail	19½	- ½		
1305	615	Moss Bros	1156	...	1.9	26.3
586	420	Next	542	+ 8	2.7	26.3
63	40½	Oliver (G)	42			
535	400	Ottakar Intl	523	- 1	2.9	
80	66	Partridge Fine†	74		4.9	12.5
56	32	QS Hldgs	41		4.8	
278	191	Rosebys†	277	+ 1	2.8	20.8
105	92	Sears	97½	+ ½	6.1	..
34	14¾	Signet Group	24½			
506	390	Smith WH	505	+ 10	3.9	29.3
1010	830	Sotheby's	970	+ 25	1.6	28.1
362	279½	Storehouse	301	+ 5	3.0	17.1
130	90	Stylo▼	122	- 1½	4.8	18.9
231	181	T & S Stores	199		4.5	11.8
171	158	Tie Rack	160		2.1	16.0
3½	2½	Upton & South	3½			
664	542	Vendome†	594	+ 3	2.2	...
29½	12	WEW Group	24	..	1.8	...
141	66	Wickes#	69	..	3.6	
94	52	Wld of Leather	89		2.4	
222	198	Wyevale	200		3.3	17.2

SUPPORT SERVICES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1550	883	ADT	1325			
148	136	Aston Cp Spls	140			
135	92	Alpha Airpts	102	+ 5	6.1	11.1
38	27	Alphameric	27	- 1		
45	25	Auto Sec	39			
190	139	BNB Res	179	- 1	4.5	10.6
400	283	BPP	383	..	3.8	18.3
186	155	BSM	185	..	4.7	13.3
1950	1015	BTG	1675	- 13	0.3	
1350	408	Borland©	475	+ 37½		
107	88	Br Bloodstock©	100	+ 2	1.9	30.4
189	123	Brit Data Mgt	184	+ 14	3.7	26.7
105	80	Brooks Service	104	+ 1	3.6	17.8
488	373	Business Post	455		2.4	36.3
685	329	CMG	643	+ 1	0.8	30.6
219	111½	CRT Grp	201	+ ½	2.5	
358¼	187	Cantl Grp	423	+ 3		
390	285	Capita Group	355		1.6	30.2
10¾	6	Chemex	8		2.3	13.9
386	317	Chubb Secl	341		3.1	16.9
190	92	Corp Services†	188	- 1	3.0	22.8
58	46	Coutts Grsig	54	- 1	5.0	17.1
190	73	DCS Gp	190	+ 6	1.0	29.8
266	214	Davis Service	262	..	4.5	13.9
558	367	Delphi	524		1.1	28.6
145	98	Dudley Jenkins	144		3.2	19.4
79	38	EW Fact	64		1.5	12.7
116	76	El Data Prc	76		3.5	11.0
419	345	FI Group†	391		1.3	
468	362	Hays	433	+ 2	2.1	21.2
288	210	Hogg Robinson	276		4.0	13.8
2028¾	1112½	ISS B DKr	1521¾	- 12½	1.6	10.2
542	360	JBA Hldgs	511		1.0	31.6
311	256	Johnson Clean	301		4.7	13.7
149	103	Kalamazoo†	126	- 2	4.1	13.9
500	351	Kewill Sys†	454		2.2	13.5
347	78	LBMS©	106	- 6	..	
41	13	Laser-Scan	26	+ 1		12.8
127	90	Leigh	115	...	4.4	
652	452	Lopex	641	- 1	1.3	27.2
99	68	Lynx Hldgs	78	- 1½	2.6	16.6
92	40½	MDIS	63	+ 4	2.4	
557	246	MMT Comp	508	+ 4	1.7	25.0
101	66	MR Group	89		3.8	
508	398	Macro 4	504	+ 1	5.6	13.6
2718¾	1568¾	Manpower	2321½		0.4	
9	7¼	Mentmore Abbey	8½			68.4
1340	553	Micro Focus	730	- 13		
192	141	Microgen	142		6.7	9.6

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
125	103	Hend Hight	111		6.7	17.1
494	364	Hend Strata	451	+ 1	0.4	
158	127	Herald	136½	..	0.6	
103	82	Herald C	84			
92	71	High Income T	91½		8.9	
157	127	H Govett Smlr	144½		1.9	61.4
110½	93½	HTR Jap Smaller	101½	+ ½		
16	9	I&S Enl	12			
147	114	I&S UK Smlr	143	+ 1	2.5	32.7
148	129	Inv Capt	138½	- ½	4.8	24.5
157	101	Intl Biotech	121		1.0	
70	31	Intl Wts	43	...		
115	95	Intl C	101			
114	93¾	INVESCO Asia	98½	- ½	0.8	
65	43	INVESCO Bioe	44		23.9	4.5

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
7¾	1¾	Brent Walker	2½	- ¼		
39	31	Burndene†	36		6.7	14.6
248	195	Capital Corpn	221	..	4.6	25.5
86	58	Clivedon	76	- 1	2.6	14.7
85	55	Clubhaus	70			
251	163	Eurocamp†	166		8.3	8.0
208	139	Euro Disney	158			
183	148	Euro Leisure	169	+ 1½		4.7
19	13	Farringford	13½			
86	48½	First Choice	65	- 3	7.6	
400	345	First Leisure	369		2.7	21.3
190	142	Friendly Hotels†	165		4.3	22.0
879	619	Granada†	847	+ 9	1.8	20.5
57	35	Hi-Tec Sports	36	- 1		14.5
209	148	Hornby†	206	+ 3	2.6	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1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
748	546	Durban	613	+ 8		
191	133	E Rand Gold†	139	...	13.9	7.2
77¾	31¼	E Rand Prop	36¾			
102	62	Eastern Trans	102		1.1	
471¾	317¼	Elandsrand†	379¾	..	2.3	44.4
369	239	Eng China Cl	263	+ 4	7.9	12.4
777½	489¾	FS Const	681¼	+ 4	1.1	
58	30	FS Dev	38	..	2.6	
2543¾	1712½	GFSA	1950		1.6	32.8
80	60	GM Kalgoorli	75	+ 1	2.7	
282½	212	Gencor	213	- 1½	1.3	23.4
170	120	Gold Fields Propt	131	- 4	6.5	10.2
17	11	Greenwich R 'A'	13¾	+ ½		8.4
264	140	Grootvlei	158¾	- 4½	3.1	35.4
165½	103	Gundle Cons	103¾		0.6	30.1
887½	568¾	Harmony	634	- 9¾	0.9	
260¾	162½	Hartbes	197¾	- 4	7.2	
1500	850	Impala Plat	939¾	- 12½	2.4	19.1
118	78	Kidston	86		14.0	7.8
993¾	616¾	Kinross†	662½	- 16¾	1.7	
979½	603¾	Kloof	653½	+ 8	2.2	
93½	65	Leslie†	74¾	- 9¾	5.8	...
330¾	186¼	Loraine	227½	- 9¾		
48	15	Meekatharra	34	+ 1		
120	74	MIM	77	+ 1	3.3	
2025	1375	Minorco	1375	...	3.0	
132	82	Monarch	90			
180	145	Moneragle	155		2.9	38.1
78	26	NSM	58	+ 3	3.2	
211	165	Nth Brkn Hill	174		3.2	24.2
410	213	Petaling Tin	375	- 10	0.2	
155	77	Placer Pac	86	- 1	3.5	
625	473	RJB	508	- 7	4.0	7.5
1080	867	RTZ	926½	+ 7½	3.6	13.4
64	46	Rackwood	57		6.6	9.0
135¾	27¼	Rand Mines	129		9.0	11.1
642	379	Randfontein	423½	- 4	4.4	32.7
360	277	Rankson	300	- 5	1.7	11.9
1478¾	940¾	Rustnbrg	1008¾	- 9¾	3.5	20.2
48	33	St Barbara	34		4.4	8.1
597½	349¾	St Helena	395¼	...	4.3	10.3
500	350	Sons Gwalia	400	- 10	3.1	24.5
120	35	Steam Pacific	97	+ 2		
3040¾	1721¼	Southvaal†	2340¾	+ 16¾	4.2	23.8
103¾	48¼	Stilfontein	56½	...	7.6	16.5
306¾	168¾	Unisel	246	- 4	3.2	26.2
7406¼	4090¾	Vaal Reefs†	5303½	+ 12½	3.0	33.9
17½	14½	Wankie Col Z	16		9.5	
1¾	1	Water Hall	1½			
550	505	Wells Blake	518		3.7	16.3
3668¾	2112½	Western Deep†	2368¾	- 9¾	2.2	46.0
519¾	394	Western Mng	427¼	- 2½	2.4	25.0
737½	450	Winkels	590	- 18¾	2.8	27.0
49	30	Zambia Copper	34¼			
48	30	Zandpan	36		6.7	

OIL & GAS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
84	51	Abbot Group	83	- 1	1.3	..
5	1¾	Alliance Res	2			
50¼	38	Aus Oil & Gas	44¾	- 1½		
46	23	Aviva Pet	34			
606	319¾	Br Borneo	533	+ 2	1.8	25.0
267½	171½	British Gas	198½	- 4	9.1	10.0
614½	512¾	Br Petroleum†	613½	+ 5	3.5	23.6
3¾	1½	Bula Resources	3¼			
1094	933	Burmah Castrl	1025	+ 5	4.1	15.3
358	113¾	Cairn Energy▲	319	- 5		
282	230	Calor Gp	240		6.5	15.8
71	56	Clyde Pet	64	..	2.2	20.9
18¾	7	Copler Res	7½			
1½	1	Dragon Oil	1½			
23	19½	Edin Oil & Gs	21½	..	1.5	13.6
499	353	Enterprise	488		4.1	26.7
9¾	6¾	Fortune	9¼		...	47.0
21	11½	Gt Western Res	20			
265	198	Hardy Oil	265	+ 2	0.5	
5½	4	Int Tool & Sup	4¾			
191	138	JKX Oil & Gas	161	- 8		
198	163	LASMO	186	...	0.7	
41	38	Lasmo Units	41		21.5	
70	57½	Monument	61¼	- ½		34.3
3221¼	2687½	Norsk Hydro	2909¾	- 25	2.1	8.7

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
181	135	INVESCO Eng Int	170	+ 1	0.7	57.4
92	75½	INVESCO Jap Dis	84½		0.4	
137	108	INVESCO Korea	113	+ 1½		
63½	52	INVESCO Tokyo	53½	- 1		
95½	65	J Fry 2nd Ut	65		13.2	
79	68	J Fry Euro U	74		7.5	13.5
260	224	JF Fledg Jap	239	+ ½		
88	74	Jupiter Ex Inc†	79		12.3	8.7
7	4	Jupiter Ex IncW	6			
83	70	Jupiter Grd Cap	76	...	13.1	9.5
29	24½	Jupiter Grd Pfd	27¼			...
328	108	Jupiter Intl Grn	121		3.9	
282	252	Kleinwort Chrtt	281		2.4	40.6
130	110	Klnwt E Mkt	115			
235	149	M&G Dual Inc	150			1.9
66	55	M&G Inc Geared	55½	..	11.9	..
33	27	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cp	27¾			
34	25¾	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	28½	+ ½	23.5	
133	122	M&G Inc Package	122		5.4	
69¾	65¼	M&G Inc Zero Div	68½			
25	21	M&G Rec Cap	22¾			
50	44½	M&G Rec Geared	45½		11.6	
26½	23	M&G Rec Inc	24½		21.9	4.5
148	133	M&G Rec Package	139		3.9	
96	88½	M&G Rec Zero Div	95			
144	114	M Currie Euro†	138		0.7	
112	90½	M Currie Japan	100			
167	143	M Currie Pac	151	+ 1	0.7	
242	222	Majedie	238		3.3	36.6
290	235	Merchants†	263½		6.2	21.8
104	91	Mercury Euro Pv	103	- ½	2.3	39.7

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
553	423	Havelock	501	..	2.3	18.4
292	201	Jarvis Hotels†	262½	+ 2½	3.1	
31½	23¾	Kunick	27½	+ 1	3.0	23.1
207	143	Ladbroke	195	- 2	3.8	30.3
300	212½	London Clubs	300		3.2	19.9
489	188	Man Utd	454	+ 12	1.3	14.7
96¼	77¼	Mandarin Orntl	91½	+ ½	3.9	19.8
345	278	Millennium & Cop	313		0.3	23.9
142	89	Northern	128	..	3.9	14.5
146	114	Prism Leisure†	138		5.2	
38	28	Queensborough	32			
32	11½	Queens Moat	17½	- ½	..	5.4
547	439	Rank Org	451	+ 2	4.5	14.9
47	31	Regal Hotels	41		4.7	

MEDIA

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
610	455	Abbott Mead	579		1.9	30.4
305	165	Adscene	177	+ 4	6.0	9.2
60½	37½	Aegis Gp	58½	+ ½		21.2
18	14	BBB Design©	16			
425	273	Barbour Index	380		3.2	
9	5¼	Bidstein	6¼			
340	325	Black (A&C)	330		5.3	12.9
463	238	Blenheim Gp	419	...	3.1	20.2
318	249	Border TV†	282	+ 2½	2.6	
410	355	Bristol	410		4.3	21.9
514	378	BSkyB	509	+ 2	1.2	47.2
188	133	CIA Gp	173	+ 2	1.8	20.0
27	16½	Caledonian Med	23½			
734	533	Capital Radio	644	- 1	2.1	24.3
534	379½	Carlton Commnt	475	+ 3	2.7	16.0
558	363	Chrysalis	488	- 5	0.7	

OTHER FINANCIAL

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
143	93½	Aberdeen Tst	93½	- 1½	3.7	18.4
118	77	BWDt	112	+ 1	5.9	12.3
41	34½	Berry Bch Nbl	41	..	2.4	
345	252	Biotec Inv	303	- 6		
205	151	Brewin Dolphin	198	+ 2	4.8	12.2
805	700	Caledonia	739		3.0	24.0
2500	1700	Camellia	2400		1.7	20.0
276	213	Cattles	244		3.5	17.6
42	18	Charlie	35			
147	90	EFT Group	122	+ 9	2.2	14.5
725	635	EFM	638	..	4.9	15.6
118	85	Exco	95		11.8	11.5

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
220	215	Treas 2% 1996	220		0.91	5.74
103	100	Conv 10% 1996	100	...	9.91	5.79
101	100	Treas 7% 1997	101		6.93	5.72
107	103	Treas 13¼% 1997	103		12.84	5.64
104	102	Exch 10½% 1997	102		10.26	5.72
104	102	Treas 8¾% 1997	102		8.52	5.87
114	110	Exch 15% 1997	110	...	13.59	5.94
106	104	Exch 9¾% 1998	104		9.30	6.01
102	100	Treas 7¼% 1998	101		7.15	6.14
101	99	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100		6.74	6.26
116	112	Treas 14% 1998-01	112	-	12.43	6.29
122	117	Treas 15½% 1998	117		13.16	6.39
114	111	Exch 12% 1998	111	+	10.79	6.55
108	105	Treas 9½% 1999	106	+	8.94	6.61
116	112	Exch 12¼% 1999	113	-	10.83	6.69
112	108	Treas 10½% 1999	109	+	9.60	6.69
98	96	Treas 6% 1999	98	+	6.12	6.72
112	108	Conv 10¼% 1999	109	+	9.34	6.85
108	104	Conv 9% 2000	106	-	8.47	6.96
105	101	Treas 8% 2000	103	-	7.74	7.05
124	119	Treas 13% 2000	120		10.83	7.04
114	109	Treas 10% 2001	110	-	9.08	7.16

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101	96	Treas 7% 2001	98	-	7.08	7.21
114	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	111	-	8.77	7.40
105	98	Treas 8% 2003	102	-	7.79	7.45
117	110	Treas 10% 2003	113	-	8.83	7.51
119	114	Treas 11½% 2001-04	116	-	9.91	7.28
83	78	Fund 3½% 1999-04	81	..	4.29	6.52
114	107	Conv 9½% 2004	110	-	8.57	7.66
98	91	Treas 6¾% 2004	94	-	7.16	7.67
108	101	Treas 8½% 2005	104	-	8.10	7.73
114	108	Conv 9½% 2005	110	-	8.56	7.73
131	123	Treas 12½% 2003-05	129	-	9.67	7.63
101	94	Treas 7½% 2006	97	-	7.66	7.79
103	96	Treas 7¾% 2006	99	-	7.79	7.81
104	97	Treas 8% 2002-06	101	-	7.91	7.78
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120	-	9.72	7.56
108	101	Treas 8½% 2007	104	-	8.13	7.85
138	130	Treas 13½% 2004-08	133	-	10.14	7.64
112	105	Treas 9% 2008	108	-	8.31	7.90
104	96	Treas 8% 2009	100	+	7.96	7.95

LONGS (over 15 years)

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
88	81	Treas 6¼% 2010	84	-	7.36	8.04
117	104	Conv 9% 2011	108		8.31	8.02
113	104	Treas 9% 2012	108	-	8.31	8.06
82	75	Treas 5½% 2008-12	78	-	6.97	7.83
103	95	Treas 8% 2013	99	-	8.07	8.08
101	93	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	96	-	8.02	8.08
103	95	Treas 8% 2015	99	+	8.07	8.08
111	102	Treas 8¾% 2017	106	+	8.24	8.12
141	130	Exch 12% 2013-17	134	-	8.89	8.18
99	85	Tr 8% 2021	98	+	8.09	8.09

UNDATED

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
45	41	War Ln 3½%	43	+	8.14	
33	29	Treas 2½%	30		8.15	
50	46	Consols 4%	47	-	8.34	...

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1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	10%	5%
113	111	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	113		1.03	2.54
182	176	Treas IL 2% 2001	182	+	2.89	3.41
177	171	Treas IL 2½% 2003	177	+	3.17	3.50
116	112	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	116	+	3.23	3.58
185	179	Treas IL 2% 2006	185	+	3.34	3.61
167	161	Treas IL 2½% 2009	166	+	3.49	3.67
173	166	Treas IL 2½% 2011	172	+	3.50	3.71
143	138	Treas IL 2½% 2013	141	+	3.55	3.73
152	145	Treas IL 2½% 2016	150	+	3.59	3.76
146	138	Treas IL 2½% 2020	143	+	3.63	3.78
122	115	Treas IL 2½% 2024	119	+	3.63	3.76
120	113	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	117	+	3.64	3.77

WATER

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1083	652	Southern	1080	+ 2	3.8	11.8
589	529	Thames	566	+ 4	6.3	7.5
633	529	Utd Utilities†	598	- 1	6.0	12.1
374	295	Wessex†	350	...	5.4	7.0
791	583	Yorkshire†	651	+ 3	6.0	9.1

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
58	18	Abacus Recruit	43	...		
213	95	Cafe Inns	170	...	1.8	14.1
86	58	Country Gdns	85	..	2.0	16.4
1700	860	Dawson Hldgs	1625		2.5	14.3
188	43	Flowcrest	65	+ 5		27.8
35½	14	Freepages	31½		...	
117	92	Megalomedia#	94			
475	45	Memory Corp	54	+ 3		
147	85¾	Old English Pub▲	118	+ 2	1.1	51.5
445	360	Pet City	385			
595	524	Southern News	540	+ 5	3.7	14.2
68	50	Southern Vectis	68			
315	122	Surrey Fr Inns	275	+ 6	0.9	32.5
79	46	Trocadero	79			

Source: FT Information

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Computer exhibition for smaller enterprises

By Brian Collett

AN EXHIBITION of the computer hardware and software specifically needed by small businesses is being planned for next year.

So many visitors to the Business Solutions show in May made technology inquiries that the organisers decided to hold an exhibition serving their particular requirements.

More than 60 per cent of the visitors to Business Solutions, at Olympia, London, wanted Internet information, at least twice the number inquiring about financial services. A similar proportion asked about general information technology.

The inquiries came mainly from decision-makers in small and medium-sized businesses, who said good advice was hard to find *because most manufacturers and* suppliers concentrated on corporate customers. Another difficulty is that small companies usually lack a technology expert.

Philip Lowery, a director of EPS Events, which organised Business Solutions, said: "Many large organisations have dedicated managers for areas such as information technology and communication, whereas most small and medium-sized enterprises don't have that luxury.

"So the person responsible for marketing may also be in charge of purchasing a complete computer network. These people want to talk to companies that offer sound advice and practical solutions, not technical jargon."

Alan Gilmour, a director of Dagda Consulting, a south London management consultancy, found computer companies are not geared up to customers that lack technical knowledge. "They find it *difficult to come down to our level,"* he said. "I have been wrestling for six months to sort us out to get on to the Internet, and it is not as easy as it's cracked up to be."

Some companies have responded. Compaq already has a special section for small businesses, and BT and Dell are setting up divisions.

EPS Events is staging its SME Networks Show at Wembley Conference and Exhibition Centre from April 8 to 10, next year. The show will include seminars for companies installing a network or upgrading. Details: 0701 0709 901.

Sugarcraft proves sweet success is a piece of cake

Della Mason on how one woman's fascinating hobby has blossomed

BILL GRAHAM

Flower power: Clair Hobson with a bouquet made from sugar

Cakes standing up to 4ft high in the shape of buildings such as the Eiffel Tower, Dover Castle or a white and gold Chinese pagoda with dragons are the stunning creations of The Sugarcraft Studio at Deal in Kent.

In two years, the owner, Clair Hobson, a young mother in her thirties, has turned a fascinating hobby into a business success.

Mrs Hobson put in £3,000 of her own money and borrowed £2,000 to start the business. Additionally she had invested some £10,000 in *equipment, from silver cake stands* to the vast array of tools to make her sugarcraft flowers.

She went on the Enterprise Scheme for small businesses and received "invaluable" three-month business training plus the small financial package for those who start out on their own.

Her previous career also helped. She was sales and marketing director at the Grosvenor Hotel, London, and before that was sales manager at the Cumberland Hotel, Marble Arch.

The first big commission was the pagoda. Although it was an English wedding, the merchant banker and his bride both had business connections in Hong Kong, and many guests from the Far East were flying in for the reception at the Ritz Hotel. "The pagoda was three-and-a-half feet high, three tiers with white and gold decor. It took a very long time to create," she says. It was so admired that more *business flowed in.*

The cashflow is helped by eight workshop days a month. Students of all ages attend. The cost is £19 a day, which includes the use of all the tools needed.

Students travel from Essex, Hampshire and Wales, and classes are limited to no more than six students. They are taught the art of creating everything in sugar, from roses and gardenias to flower *fairies.*

The Sugarcraft Studio also sells specialist books to other cakemakers. But the big projects are where she has set her sights. She hopes to create the Taj Mahal for one interested client and has plans for a millennium project in sugar.

The design architect for the large cakes is her husband, Neil, a Merchant Navy engineering officer with P&O.

The quality of Mrs Hobson's cakes is the best. After a long search she found Michael Gadd, of Dudley, *West Midlands, whose cake* bases are delivered to her studio by special courier.

At the start of her third business year, Mrs Hobson has her finances sensibly structured. Originally she forecast her revenues correctly but underestimated the expenses. She has taken on a modest five-year loan to help the firm to grow. Part of the loan paid for the brochures she has been sending out to win corporate clients.

She wants The Sugarcraft Studio to take on more commissions and to add a member of staff. "In a sense I feel this is the true start of the business, and all that went before has been a giant and tough learning curve," she says.

"I just don't take on the work if I feel it will not be profitable. But in the past I have sometimes been guilty of undervaluing my time. I imagine this is every sole trader's problem."

The Sugarcraft Studio is on 01304 366660.

Mid Wales has record year with both jobs and investment

By Iola Smith

MID WALES enjoyed a record year in 1995-96, creating or safeguarding 1,600 jobs and attracting £32 million worth of private-sector investment, according to the Development Board for Rural Wales.

In its annual report, the DBRW said the region exceeded all the targets set for it by William Hague, the Welsh Secretary.

Property sales generated *receipts* of £6.75 million with the result that 60 per cent of factories built by the board are now in private hands.

A sharp fall in factory vacancy *rates to 8.7 per cent of stock* led the board to embark on a 170,000 sq ft construction programme. It focused largely on extending existing business park premises and converting historic buildings for business purposes. Examples include turning an old school at Aberystwyth into offices and converting the former Welshpool railway station into a craft and retail complex.

It was also a good year for inward investment. Smaller businesses in the automotive component and packaging industries have moved to Mid Wales from Italy, Finland, Denmark and the United States. In January, Mid Wales welcomed its first Japanese-owned company, Traltec.

The DBRW's business backbone, however, is its *indigenous businesses.* Some 29 companies received £2.45 million in investment grants to help them to expand.

More than 300 manufacturing businesses benefited *from the* board's training and consultancy services, while 500 firms took export planning and language courses.

Largely as a result of this, small *firms in rural Wales now export to* Europe, North America, the Middle East and Japan. Last year the board created a Mid Wales loan scheme, enabling local businesses to borrow between £10,000 and £100,000 to expand.

Among the most buoyant sectors in 1995-96 was craft and giftware. A total of £800,000 worth of extra sales was generated in the year after an Arts Council craft promo*tion initiative.*

However, the board is concerned that some sections of the Mid Wales community remain reluctant to establish small firms, such as Welsh speakers and women. But initiatives established in 1995-96 specifically to target these groups yielded encouraging results.

Of the 2,020 people who inquired about starting businesses, 342 eventually did so.

The board is also keen to regenerate the region's market towns, improve retail opportunities in villages and expand technological and food-based businesses. To this end an innovation award scheme will be launched in 1996-97.

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BRIEFINGS

A conference on mutual guarantee *schemes that help small business*es and non-profitmaking organisations to band together to provide security against bank loans is being organised by the National Association of Mutual Guarantee Societies at Wakefield on September 18. Details from Katherine Ross on 0113-246 1738.

☐ The Welsh Office has unveiled a £1 million package to help small businesses to expand in the Principality. It includes a new equity fund to finance business growth in West Wales; a drive to promote *local sourcing of products and* services in North Wales; and the expansion of the business counselling service in southeast Wales and the growth of small retail businesses in Mid Wales. To further promote the retail sector, business rate relief of at least 50 per cent is to be offered to village shops and post offices serving small rural communities.

☐ Most small business owners feel work cuts significantly into their personal lives, a report from the Small Business Research Trust says. The survey, sponsored by Lloyds Bank, found two thirds of the sample worked outside normal hours and took no holidays, with resulting pressure on their marriages. Judy Cunnington, the assistant director of the London Marriage Guidance Council, said: "It is common to think a relationship will look after itself, but it does not."

☐ An 18-month European Union aid plan for the regeneration of the steel areas of northeast England, Yorkshire and Humberside is expected to create 225 businesses and 1,900 jobs in Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Stockton-on-Tees, Scunthorpe, Sheffield, Mexborough, Doncaster and Rotherham. The EU is giving 24.3 million ecus (£20 million) under a programme to help industrial areas in decline, to be topped up to 49 million ecus (£41 million) by contributions from central and local government and the private sector.

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Beethoven at the gallop

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As if in defiance of George Steiner's plea in his controversial festival lecture for the reinvention of festival programming, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony rang out at the start of this year's Edinburgh Festival, reaffirming for a new generation of listeners, movers and dreamers those ideals of universal brotherhood and of a vision of life that transcends the material which gave such momentum to the founding of the festival 50 years ago.

Yes, 50 years holds an immensity of change. And yes, it often seems that the impotence of the arts stands horribly naked among the barbarians. And Professor Steiner is not the first, by some six centuries at least, to have noted it. But who would dare measure the invisible movement of the human spirit as stirred and transformed by music or verse? *A Survivor From Warsaw*, whom Schoenberg and Olaf Baer (as narrator) celebrated in this opening concert, tuned his speech to song, not to the dance of science; and so did the prisoners of Terezin. Have our joys, our energies — our horrors, too — changed so very much since 1947? Are these cultural ideals now mere "worn-out" ghosts? Or is it rather our reception and assimilation of them that needs reinventing?

Be all this as it may — and Steiner certainly provided the festival with plenty of other matter for soul searching — Sunday's opening Beethoven performance, with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra conducted by Donald Runnicles, did provide ammunition for the professor's weaponry. The symphony was dispatched within an hour — and dispatched is the word. As if impatient to reach its "Ode to Joy", it scurried over too much of the uncertainty, the tumult and the struggle essential to gain it.

A certain sparseness and imbalance of texture at the centre of the orchestral palette, and a lack of rhythmic ballast caused by edgy pacing, made the opening movement overfrisky: just what Beethoven surely wished to avoid with his restraining tempo directions. And by the slow movement, its viola melody cavalier, its variations reduced by speed to the pedestrian, the ear's experience became similar to that of an eye wearied by too much foreground detail and longing for more distant horizons.

The finale hurtled forward with the cellos' exposition of the great song creeping contourless on its way. Then, ignition. Bryn Terfel's exultation to joy revealed him as the sole performer so far who seemed to know anything of what it was to be *feuertrunken*, drunk with fire. The Edinburgh Festival Chorus, thank goodness, followed his lead, and the soprano of Hillevi Martinpelto forged a bright, firm frame for their voices and those of the other two soloists, Jane Irwin and Heinz Kruse. That "new motif of life" offered by the festival's first Lord Provost in 1947 seemed within grasp after all.

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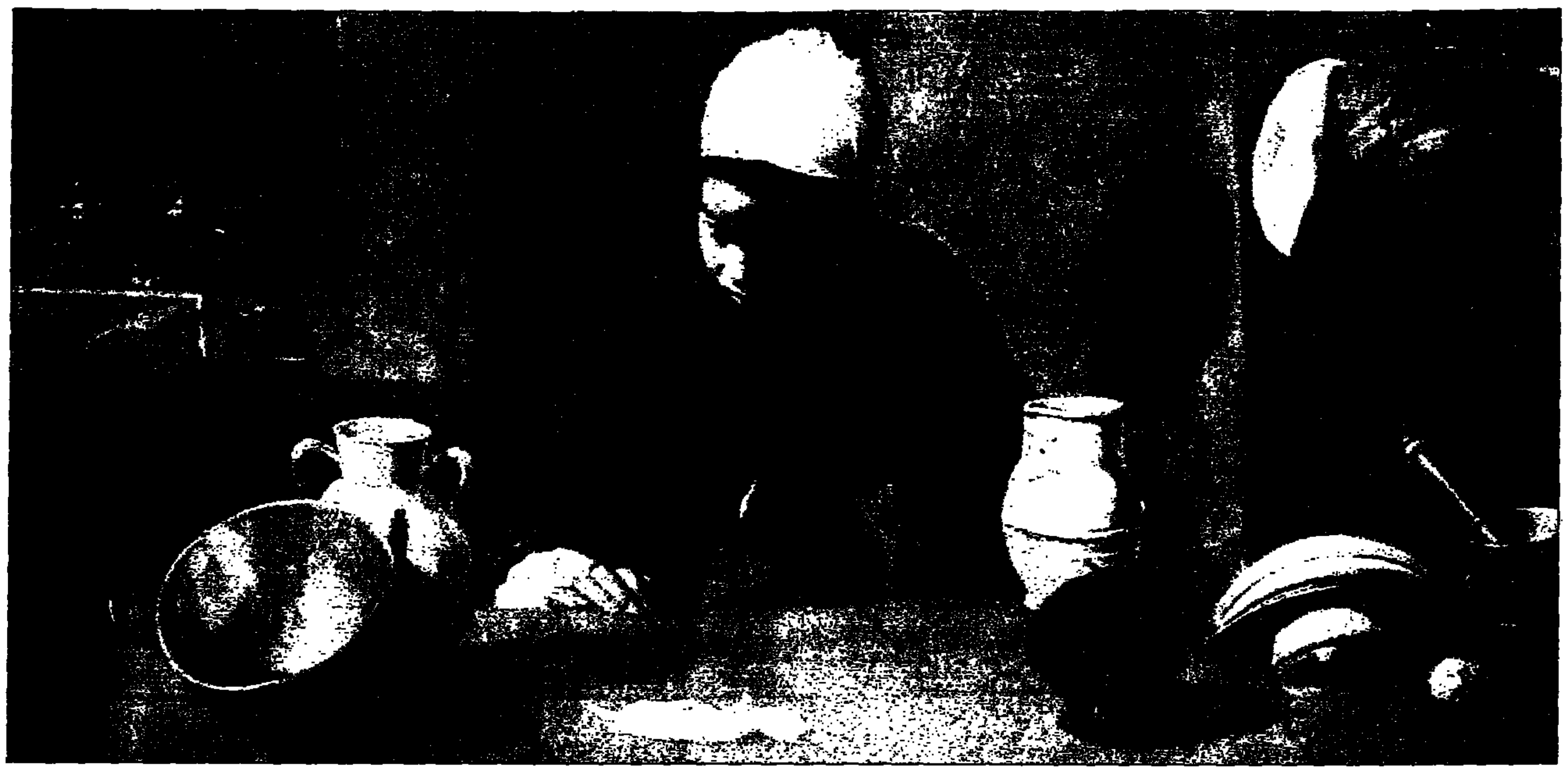

"The exquisite detailing looks forward to the intensely expressive painting of his maturity": Velázquez's *A Kitchen Maid with the Supper at Emmaus* (National Gallery of Ireland)

Old master, young talent

VISUAL ART: **John Russell Taylor** on stunning shows of works by the young Velázquez and contemporary Chinese painters

People often wonder why the majority of the great international loan exhibitions in Paris or New York do not come to Britain. Money obviously has something to do with it; likewise the length of time that lenders are willing to be without their cherished possessions.

But a very important consideration is the pull of key works sited in Britain to begin with. It makes perfect sense that a big Gauguin show for example, would not come here, because Britain's holding of essential Gauguins is far outclassed by those of several other European countries, and America. On the other hand, the National Gallery of Scotland's stunning show, **Velázquez in Seville**, is the artistic centrepiece of this year's Edinburgh Festival primarily because the gallery owns one of the supreme masterpieces of Velázquez's youth, *An Old Woman Cooking Eggs*.

Obviously this was the inspiration for the gallery to organise the show, putting as it does one of Scotland's greatest treasures in context. The astonishing thing is that when Velázquez moved from his native Seville to Madrid in 1623, he was only 24. This means that all these Seville works were painted when he was in his teens or barely out of them; the *Old Woman* was painted when he was just 19. Clearly he was a precocious genius. What an exhibition like this enables us to do is to determine just how precocious, just how extraordinary.

Virtually all of the surviving works from Velázquez's Seville years are on display, borrowed from as far afield as St Petersburg, Chicago, Budapest, and, of course, Madrid. But they are supported by a revealing selection of paintings, sculpture and prints by predecessors and contemporaries, including several pieces by his father-in-law, Francisco Pacheco. These make clear not only how thoroughly Velázquez belonged in his historical context, but also how far he excelled it.

His favourite genre in these early years, the so-called *bodegones* or horizontally composed kitchen scenes, such as *A Kitchen Maid with the Supper at Emmaus*, was popular in Seville at the time, and he certainly did not invent it. But the exquisite detailing of these generally dark-toned scenes is peculiar to him, and looks forward to the intensely expressive painting of his maturity. *An Old Woman Cooking Eggs* or the London National Gallery's *Kitchen Scene with Christ in the House of Martha and Mary* are superbly composed, occupying their wide, low space with complete confidence, but they also lend themselves to the extraction of details: a gift to the gallery's marketing division, which offers everything from a recreation of a Velázquez jug to T-shirts.

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This apart, the paintings are uniquely satisfactory to look at with closer and closer attention. In particular, Velázquez emerges as an inspired painter of still lifes, as well as an acute observer of human character. For several of these works he uses the same "stock company" of models, shuffling them slightly or changing the poses from canvas to canvas. One can divine the effect his work had on his contemporaries from the numerous imitations, variations and possible copies of lost originals. One can also measure the distance he travelled in a very short time by comparing Pacheco's giant *Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary*, an estimable if rather stolid painting, with his pupil and son-in-law's version painted very shortly afterwards, in which the Virgin hovers magically against an overcast night sky.

When Velázquez went to Madrid he took one of his earlier paintings with him, the *Waterseller of Seville* (now borrowed from Apsley House in London). Evidently he regarded this as a sufficient testimony of his already unique skills. It seems that he was never the most modest of men. On the evidence of this painting, with its incomparable rendering of the water splashing down the side of the great water pot in the foreground and its vivid characterisation of the old waterseller, it would have been difficult to argue with Velázquez.

The most exciting of the other Edinburgh Festival shows could hardly be more different. **Reckoning with the Past** gathers together in the Fruitmarket Gallery the work of 15 contemporary Chinese painters from mainland China, Taiwan and Hong Kong. The title refers more to the subject-matter and the artists' attitudes than to the styles in which they paint. Two things are immediately remarkable: that without looking at the catalogue one could not tell for certain which are from the mainland and which from the the islands; and that all the heterogeneous influences, which only five years ago were bumping up against one another, largely unabsorbed, in Chinese art have been taken on board, understood, and turned effortlessly to the individual purposes of a new generation of artists.

The works which express most completely Chinese art today are probably the palimpsest paintings of the Peking artist Mao Lizi. They are in a sense graffiti paintings, but have nothing to do with the raucous New York expressions we associate with the term. Rather, they are stunningly illusionist pictures of imaginary vandalised murals, with an already defaced Mao superimposed on a scraped and faded Buddha, or a stuck-on label so believably attached to a simulated temple wall that apparently visitors have to be restrained from trying to peel it off. These are pictures that work on many levels, from the most obvious and literal to the most subtly symbolic: "reckoning with the past" indeed.

But this is by no means the only approach at work. The intensely coloured, dreamlike paintings of Wang Xingwei invent their own world, as it might be in the studio of an old-fashioned studio photographer with a lot of artificial backdrops, and people it with modernly dressed figures who appear to mistake the dream for reality. Sze Yuen, from Hong Kong, draws endless panoramas of scenes from life, film and fantasy that merge into one another like the narrative progression of an antique scroll painting.

Zhang Xiaogang, hitherto the best known outside China, offers more of his curiously waxen images of young Chinese with unexplained threads and patches of colour superimposed. Feng Mengbo's *Streetfighter* paintings are inspired by Pop Art and computer games, and would surprise one not a jot if they came straight from Chicago.

Yang Yiping embraces Western realism in a very different, much more traditionally painterly way, almost like a Chinese Hopper but imposing a strongly individual vision. Clearly from now on we have to expect the unexpected from the new Chinese artists.

- Velázquez in Seville *is at the National Gallery of Scotland, The Mount (0131-556 8921) until Oct 20*
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Traverse, Edinburgh

The Traverse may not be celebrating its own half-century until 2013, and it may still be officially categorised as a Fringe theatre. But for more years than I dare remember it has been my first and favourite port of call on my annual odyssey through Auld Reekie. And what could be more appetising than yet another premiere there by Communicado, the Edinburgh company that produced a refreshingly brash *Cyrano de Bergerac* in 1992 and has never since been found wanting in imagination and energy?

This year Communicado is bringing the same strengths to Michel Vinaver's **Portrait of a Woman**, yet the effect is not especially exciting or, I fear, moving. With the help of a few desks, chairs and performers, Gerry Mulgrew's production communicates the feel of one of those French murder trials in which Maitre this and Maitre that circle the accused, lunging and snapping like dogs baiting a bear. But the case that is being recreated might have been chosen, and indeed probably was chosen, in order to tantalise and frustrate us.

Certainly, the defendant seems as inscrutable as the sort of woman who drifts through plays by Marguerite Duras, invisibly throbbing and inwardly ululating. She is Sophie Auzanneau, a character based on a medical student convicted in 1951 of shooting the young lover who had begged her to marry him and whom she had repeatedly refused. In tale, this woman turned stalker and murderess when he finally took the hint and found himself another fiancée. It was clear that she was a pretty disturbed person and had some reason to be so: brothers who died violently, cold parents, unsuitable lovers. She gave one witness the impression that she was "struggling against something inside that's breaking her up" and, if Vinaver is to be believed, she said something very curious about her victim: "I didn't love him enough to watch him walk off with someone else".

But Vinaver seems less interested in the nature of her psychopathology than in the failure of anyone or anything, least of all the legal system, to recognise its existence. Hostile attorneys describe her as a monster, a schemer and, in defiance of all logic, a fortune-hunter. Her recurrent suicide attempts are dismissed as artful dodges, and the fact that she had an unpatriotic affair with a German military doctor is pointedly mentioned. With so much hectoring from the judges and salacious giggling from the public gallery, weirdly lachrymose pleas for understanding come to nothing.

Mulgrew's staging is, as usual, deft and clever. Sandy Neilson, for instance, transforms himself from Sophie's wintry father to her benign German lover simply by donning a white coat in mid-flow. Time swivels this way and that, so that Veronica Leer's quietly dignified Sophie can answer her judges while she is flirting with Joel Strachan as her hapless, nerdish victim, or his macho friends can advise him to give her a good beating while her attorney takes aim at the jury's tear-ducts. But does Mulgrew's cast end by telling us much more than that human complexity is seldom acknowledged in the judicial cockpit? I don't think so.

Nor does Claire Dowie's **All Over Lovely**, which I saw earlier at the same address, generate as much light and fun as it should. The author and Peta Lily play cousins and former lovers who have tried and failed to find meaning in, respectively, organic farming and principled poverty, and business success and money. Something is being said about late-feminist disillusionment, something about the love that lies behind jealousy and anger, but the writing is hardly searching enough to make it worth unravelling. Still, I will be returning to the Traverse as the week progresses in the hope that this year it is not withholding its bounty, just postponing it.

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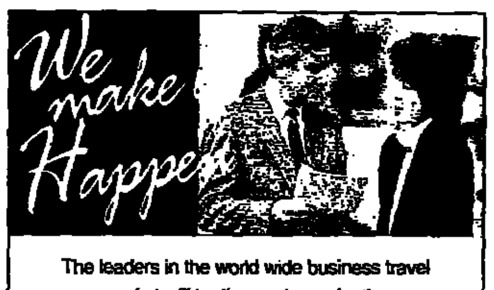

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1. The Department of Social Security, in association with the Department for Education and Employment, will, from April 1997, be running a pilot scheme to help lone parents take up work. We are seeking proposals from interested organisations for services and schemes to help achieve this objective. We particularly want to help the large number of lone parents dependent on Income Support to become self-supporting.

2. Proposals should aim to help lone parents to overcome barriers to taking up and keeping a job in order to improve their living standards and long-term prospects. The schemes and services would have to demonstrate their cost-effectiveness and be replicable in other areas.

3. Funding of up to £1m in total is available in each of the financial years 1996/7, 1997/8 and 1998/9. This is for single or multi-year projects which fall within the criteria set out below.

The Department is interested in receiving proposals and expressions of interest of two kinds:

PILOT SERVICES

4. A range of services to be provided in a number of geographical areas where the pilot scheme will take place, starting in April 1997 for three years. The areas will be selected by early October 1996. Likely services identified are; a survey of local childcare services, an information pack giving advice to lone parents about how they can be better off in work, training caseworkers who will offer help to lone parents moving into work, mentoring those who do find work, and possibly brokering childcare provision. Other services may be identified later.

5. Expressions of interest in providing any or all of these services in the selected areas should be received by 2 September.

6. All service providers who respond to this notice by 2 September will be sent an Outline Scope of Work giving further information, and a questionnaire. Replies will be required by 9 September following which an Invitation to Tender may be issued. A decision about the award of contracts will be made by mid-November. The Department reserves the right not to award any contracts in pursuit of this requirement.

INNOVATIVE SCHEMES

7. Proposals for implementation anywhere in Great Britain which address problems of reducing benefit dependency among lone parents. The Department is interested in receiving innovative proposals for single or multi-year projects which address in a variety of ways the barriers which lone parents may encounter in seeking and maintaining work. Projects which can demonstrate their quality by securing co-sponsorship funding from other sources will be particularly welcomed. The Departments wish to support a variety of initiatives within the finance available. Financing is available in the current financial year.

8. All expressions of interest in the above should be received by 26 August.

9. All service providers who respond to this notice by 26 August will be sent an Outline Scope of Work giving further information. Proposals should be submitted by 13 September. A decision about the award of contracts will be made by early October.

10. The Department reserves the right not to award any contracts in pursuit of this requirement.

11. Please send expressions of interest or proposals to:

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SOCIAL SECURITY

■ CHOICE 1

Russia's newest orchestra brings Shostakovich to Edinburgh

VENUE: Tonight at the Usher Hall

■ CHOICE 2

.. while Miranda Richardson stars in Virginia Woolf's *Orlando*

VENUE: Tonight at the Royal Lyceum, Edinburgh

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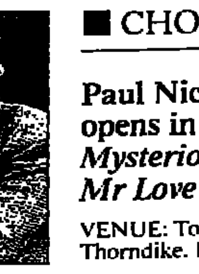
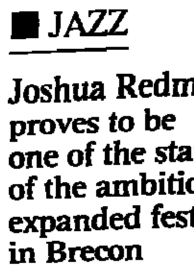


■ CHOICE 3

Paul Nicholas opens in *The Mysterious Mr Love*

VENUE: Tonight at the Thorndike, Leatherhead



■ JAZZ

Joshua Redman proves to be one of the stars of the ambitiously expanded festival in Brecon

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

EDINBURGH

After making triumphant appearances at both the Proms in London and the Harrogate Festival, the **Russian National Orchestra** travels to the International Festival to give the first of two concerts (today and tomorrow, Usher Hall, 8pm). Mikhail Pletnev conducts two separate programmes, which include works by Haydn, Shostakovich and Tchaikovsky

Over in the Queen's Hall (11am), limited seats remain for **Concerto Italiano**'s performance of Monteverdi's sensuous *Madrigals*. However, tickets are available still for **Nederlands Dans Theater** (Edinburgh Playhouse, today-Fri; 7.30pm). The company's theatrical power and technical virtuosity is complemented by the stylish and tumultuous choreography of its artistic director Jiří Kylián. Performances this evening and tomorrow feature the British premiere of a new work by Kylián, the tragic *Bella Figura* and his seminal *Symphony of Psalms*

The Royal Lyceum is the venue for a rare stage appearance by Miranda Richardson in the English language premiere of Robert Wilson's production of Virginia Woolf's **Orlando** (today-Aug 21, except Sun, 7.30pm). Although the entire run has already sold out, there is always a slim chance of returns. **Festival box office** (0131-225 5756 for tickets and information)

Meanwhile, the **Fringe** welcomes **Trinity Baroque**, five singers who embark on a sacred and secular journey through the music of Schütz and Monteverdi (St John's Church, today 6pm, tomorrow 1pm, Thurs 3pm). Over in the Assembly Rooms, the Georgian Film Actor's Studio makes a welcome return with a dazzling production of **King Lear** (today, Thurs-Sun; 2pm). At 11.45pm, the **Gadflys**, a band whose lively sets usually continue well into the early hours, appear on stage at the Gilded Balloon (today-Aug 26). **Fringe box office** (enquiries 0131-226 5257, tickets 0131-226 5138)

LONDON

BBC PROMS 96: Barry Tuckwell makes his farewell London appearance as a horn player with Horn Concertos by Oliver Knussen and Mozart. Stravinsky's *Symphonies of Wind Instruments*, Debussy's *Nocturnes* and Sibelius's Seventh Symphony complete this evening's programme by the **Philharmonia Orchestra**. The conductor is Esa Pekka Salonen. **Albert Hall**, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Tonight, 7.30pm

FOR SEVERALL FRIENDS: An evening of Early Music commences with Pamela Thorby, recorders, and Richard Egarr, harpsichord/organ, performing early 17th-century sonatas, canzonas and toccatas (Purcell Room 6.30pm). At 7.45pm, **His Majestys Sagbutts and Cornetts** take us on a grand tour of music for brass and organ from 16th- and 17th-century England, Italy, Spain and Germany. Also in the Queen Elizabeth Hall (9.05pm), the twin themes of Death and Triumph are explored in music from 17th-century England and Germany by the powerful countertenor voice of Christopher Robson and the **Concordia** viol consort, with Gary Cooper, organ/harpsichord. **Festival Hall**, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tonight, 8pm. Ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

LEATHERHEAD: Paul Nicholas, who is best known as Vince in the television sit-com *Just Good Friends*, makes his Thorndike debut as **The Mysterious Mr Love**. Karoline Leach's enigmatic drama co-stars Susan Penhaligon, whose Victorian spinster becomes the latest in a long line of Mrs Loves. **Thorndike**, Church Street (01372 376211). Opens tonight, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm. Ⓢ

LONDON GALLERIES

Geffrye Museum: Baillie Scott: the Artistic House (0171-729 5547). **National Gallery**: Degas (0171-747 2885) **National Portrait Gallery**: Literary Photographs by Mark Gerson (0171-306 0055). **Redfern Gallery**: Summer Exhibition (0171-734 1732) **Royal Academy**: Roger de Grey (0171-439 7438) . . **V & A**: William Morris (0171-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
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■ **BIRDY**: William Wharton's best-selling novel where a schizophrenic longs for freedom, oddly filmed but now adapted for the stage by Naomi Wallace. Kevin Knight directs Tam Williams and Adam Garcia. **Lyric Studio**, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4.30pm. Until August 17

☐ **THE DECAMERON**: A selection from Boccaccio's treasure-house of erotic tales, some happy, some bloody, nicely acted by Nick Ward's young cast. **Gate**, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (0171-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until August 17

■ **DIAL "M" FOR MURDER**: Peter Davison and Catherine Rabett in Frederick Knott's classically ingenious thriller, dating from the days before the all-digit phone number. **Apollo**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat 8.15pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm

☐ **HEDDA GABLER**: Alexandra Gilbreath's acclaimed performance in Stephen Unwin's production for English Touring Theatre. **Donmar Warehouse**, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 4pm. Until Aug 31

☐ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND**: Peter Hall's acclaimed Haymarket production, with Diane Fletcher, David Rintoul, Nicky Henson, Kim Thomson, Googie Withers and John McCallum. **Old Vic**, Waterloo Rd, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **MARTIN GUERRE:** The latest Boublil/Schonberg musical brings banal lyrics to a confusingly told tale. **Prince Edward**, Old Compton St, W1 (0171-447 5400). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **PASSION**: An unconvincing musical from Sondheim, but Maria Friedman remarkably good as a voracious man-hunter who gets her man. With Michael Ball. **Queen's**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5590). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

☐ **THE PHOENICIAN WOMEN**: Katie Mitchell's engrossing production of Euripides from last year's Stratford season; highly praised playing by Lorraine Ashbourne, Lucy Whybrow. **The Pit**, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm. In rep

☐ **THE RED BALLOON**: Inevitably the affectionate balloon was more convincing in the classic 1950s French film but Anthony Clark's stage version is skilful and touching. **National** Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). In rep, with performances at 10.30am or 2.15pm

☐ **A SMALL WORLD**: Interesting Mustapha Matura play uncovering the secrets behind the meeting of 2 Trinidadians in a Brooklyn bar. **Southwark Playhouse**, 62 Southwark Bridge Rd, SE1 (0171-620 3494). Tue-Sat, 8pm. Until Aug 24.

☐ **TOMMY**: Hugely impressive staging of the traumatised child's apotheosis to pinball wizard. Loads of electronic tricks disguise the improbability. **Shaftesbury**, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm Ⓢ

☐ **TWO BOYS IN A BED ON A COLD WINTER'S NIGHT**: James Edward Barker's Off-Broadway play about the dynamics of the one-night stand: honest and sexy. **Arts**, Great Newport St, WC2 (0171-836 3334). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri and Sat, 7pm and 9pm. Until September 7.

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▨ **Cats**: New London (0171-405 0072) ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (0171-494 5070) . . ☐ **Fame: The Musical**: Cambridge (0171-494 5083) ▨ **Grease**: Dominion (0171-416 6060) ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (0171-434 0909) ▨ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) . . . ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (0171-836 1443) . ☐ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) . ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054) . . ▨ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

AUGUST (PG). Awkward film of *Uncle Vanya* transferred to Wales in the late 19th century, directed by, and starring, Anthony Hopkins. With Leslie Phillips. **Curzon Mayfair** (0171-369 1720) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030)

◆ **INDEPENDENCE DAY** (12): Aliens invade America's skies in this outsize popcorn feast starring Jeff Goldblum, Will Smith and Bill Pullman. **ABC Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Barbican** (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Notting Hill Coronet** (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426-914 666) **Leicester Square** (01426 915 683) **Marble Arch** (01426 914 501) **Swiss Cottage** (0171-586 3057) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen on Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen on the Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

THE SECRET OF ROAN INISH (PG): Wonderful Celtic folk tale with a realistic slant, filmed in Ireland by writer-director John Sayles. **ABC Panton Street** (0171-930 0631) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Virgin Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE STUPIDS** (PG): Mirthless comedy about America's stupidest family. With Tom Arnold and Jessica Lundy. Director, John Landis. **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426-915 574)

CURRENT

FARGO (18): A kidnapping goes haywire in the Midwest. Wonderful, humane crime thriller from Joel and Ethan Coen, with Frances McDormand and William H. Macy. **ABC Panton Street** (0171-930 0631) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME** (U). Victor Hugo meets the Disney animators. A perverse, and perversely successful, mix of the cuddly and downbeat. Directors, Gary Trousdale and Kirk Wise. **Barbican** Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** Ⓢ (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914 098) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH** (U): Mistreated James finds his feet in a peach voyaging across the Atlantic. Excellent animated version of Roald Dahl's book, from the team behind *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Gate** (0171-727 4043) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0171-586 3057) **West End** (01426-915 574) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

◆ **KINGPIN** (12): Unfunny comedy about hustlers on the road, with Woody Harrelson, Randy Quaid, Bill Murray. Directors, Peter and Bobby Farrelly. **Odeons: Mezzanine** (01426 915 683)

◆ **MUPPET TREASURE ISLAND** (U): Kermit and Miss Piggy invade Stevenson's classic. Jolly addition to the Muppet movie saga, with Tim Curry. **Watermans** (0181-568 1176)

◆ **THE ROCK** (18): Belligerent action movie set on Alcatraz, with Nicolas Cage, Sean Connery and Ed Harris. **MGM Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** Ⓢ (01426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888 990) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Watermans** (0181-568 1176)

◆ **THE TRUTH ABOUT CATS AND DOGS** (15): Pleasant romantic comedy about mistaken identity, with Janeane Garofalo, Uma Thurman and Ben Chaplin. Director, Michael Lehmann. **ABC Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (01426-914 666) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Hill** Ⓢ (0171-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

DAVID REDFERN

Blowing up a storm: sax master Illinois Jacquet, left, and rising star Joshua Redman, on only his second British appearance, thrilled audiences

Three tenors steal the show

A contrasting trio of great saxophonists blew life and soul into the increasingly ambitious Brecon Jazz Festival, says Alyn Shipton

As Van Morrison took the stage on Friday evening to open the most ambitious Brecon Jazz Festival so far, only a few posters for best topside and Welsh lamb hinted that a couple of hours earlier the thousand-seater hall had been a food market. With only a rudimentary sound check, bassist Alec Dankworth and pianist Robin Aspland vanished in the mix. But honours went to Georgie Fame, who outsang and outswung everyone else on stage.

The large festival, with so many international stars that it was impossible to hear them all, put some strain on the organisation. Yet despite last-minute arrivals by musicians, the programme unfolded neatly with the occasional surprise, such as Dave McKenna stepping in for an indisposed Jessica Williams.

In sultry sun at outdoor venues there was ragtime-tinged early jazz from Boston's New Black Eagle Band, a tongue-in-cheek *Midnight in Moscow* from Russian jazzman Igor Bourco, and a sumptuous set of little-known Sidney Bechet compositions from British saxophonist Bill Greenow, including *Passport to Paradise*. Gary Crosby's Nu-Troop catered for more modern tastes and tenorist Denys Baptiste was well to the fore.

Tenor saxophones turned out to be the most high-profile solo instruments, with Brecon regular Scott Hamilton wooing the crowds as effectively as his stylistic soulmate Harry Allen. Veteran tenorist Clifford Solomon, for many years a stalwart of Ray Charles's band, headed the excellent rhythm and blues group led by 73-year-old Charles Brown, trading licks with plangent guitarist Danny Caron, who whirled through his solos like a dervish. Brown's talcum-powder smooth singing brought a lengthy standing ovation, eventually stilled by an unaccompanied *I Must Find Someone To Love*.

Tenorist Bob Berg dominated the muscular hard bop set by trumpeter Tom Harrell. It is a paradox that a man so painfully withdrawn as Harrell should play and compose some of today's most blisteringly aggressive music, his band propelled by the menacing power of veteran drummer Billy Hart. Between Berg's lucid tenor and the showy trombone of Steve Turré, Harrell's solos reflected his inner fragility.

Harrell's set was less approachable for a general audience than the three tenor titans who were the undisputed stars of the whole festival. At 27, Joshua Redman plays with the authority, humour, technical perfection and stylistic individuality of a true genius. Apart from a brief appearance last year at Ronnie Scott's, this was his first concert in Britain. Redman's solos include internal dialogue between registers — he leaps from the highest harmonics to pedal notes with no apparent effort, and he extended his dialogue to guitarist Peter Bernstein and his New Orleans-based rhythm section, especially in new works such as *Stream of Consciousness*.

Joe Henderson, after a long career, has only now found international acclaim on the back of his Verve record deal. His tribute to the late Antonio Carlos Jobin, backed by a Brazilian trio, was a refreshing Latin antidote to the more orthodox rhythms of most other bands. But it was Illinois Jacquet, leading a 15-piece band drilled to perfection, who crowned the event.

Jacquet's blustery tenor and searing alto are undimmed by age and his perennial *Flying Home* brought dancers to the aisles and the audience to its feet. "Jazz is a religion," he announced, and went on to prove that he is still its most effective evangelist.

The North will rise again

COUNTRY

Stu Page Band
Borderline, W1

Although Stu Page and his band are generally labelled "country", their beautifully co-ordinated playing is just as likely to bring to mind ZZ Top as Garth Brooks, Dire Straits or J.J. Cale as Dwight Yoakam.

The obvious ease and enviable precision of this British band have grown out of years spent on the road with visiting American acts and, increasingly, in their own right. A higher profile is the result of having been the first band to have a promotional video played on the European network of Country Music Television, the cable and satellite station.

Picking at the Speed of Light, and its successors, *Stepping Stones* and *Have a Little Faith*, have therefore reached viewers from Manchester to Moscow.

They are Bradford based, but frequent visitors to London. Page is a wiry, direct and approachable man, who writes economical songs which register quickly with the listener. His band all look so individual that they might have wandered on stage from four separate bands. Lead guitarist Andy Whelan, long hair flying, has the classic rocking cowboy look.

Tintin-haired drummer John Boulton, who finished the set stripped to the waist, might have dropped in from a punk band, except that his playing is so accomplished and well judged.

The tall, gangling bass guitarist, Pete Shand, is impassive of face but rolls steadily with the pulse: a refugee from jazz-funk? Page himself plays deft guitar and discreetly controls his crew, taking lead vocals almost by the way.

Last Thursday the Haley Sisters, a duo who played their own brief, spell-binding set — Britain's answer to the Judds? — provided backing vocals, and that craggy veteran Brendan Croker was also on hand, adding rhythm guitar.

The power of the seven-piece was a mighty pleasure, whether on originals such as *Too Many Ghosts* and *Picking* (much tougher than on the record), or well-chosen covers, including Jimmy Buffett's *Margaritaville*.

It would seem that, for Page, mainstream success is just a step away, a matter of wider exposure on television and radio. Perhaps it would not make much difference to musicians so obviously in love with what they do, but it would be marvellous to see them enjoy their moment, and a joy to share their music with a larger audience.

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Isabel Carlisle on the fine but finite store of sketches and prints on show at the British Museum; plus other shows

Back to the drawing hoard

The British Museum's department of prints and drawings may not be known for its collection of French 19th-century works. Now they are on display, however, it is clear that there are some stunners, both among the salon painters and the Impressionist and Post-Impressionist drawings and watercolours.

The range is impressive. Even with a meagre purchase budget, it has been possible in the past decade to add quite a number of relatively inexpensive figure and landscape drawings by the more academic salon artists, such as Boulanger and Lehmann, who were celebrated in their day for their decorative schemes for buildings but are now hardly known. The real quality was injected in 1965 with a bequest from César Mange de Hauke, a dealer who was inspired to work in prints and drawings after visiting the BM print room as a schoolboy.

Earliest in the de Hauke bequest (around 1810) is a Prud'hon black chalk drawing of a nude woman standing. The muscles of the torso and arms are beautifully modelled with fine hatching in a technique that could have been done in silverpoint by a Renaissance artist.

Delacroix's chalk drawing of a seated Arab, probably made on his second visit to Tangiers in 1832, shows a bearded figure in profile swathed in the folds of a magnificently striped burnous — the combination of exotic drapery and features that kindled Delacroix's enthusiasm for the Orient.

The Apotheosis of Delacroix by Cézanne is one of only two surviving studies for a painting that was never completed but which, to Cézanne, had immense significance because of the admiration that he felt for Delacroix. Also fascinating for the insights that they offer into the artistic process are two black conté crayon studies for *La Grande Jatte*, one of Seurat's largest and most popular oil paintings, which now hangs in the Art Institute in Chicago. One is a study of the landscape with the figures removed — an exercise in establishing the proportions of the setting. The other, in Seurat's characteristic smoky style, is of the two strolling figures on the right — a man with a top hat and a woman with a parasol.

There are too many good drawings to mention here, but those by Degas and Redon are exceptional. Degas' *Dancers practising at the Bar* in grey oil paint thinned with turpentine on viridian paper is dated 1876-77 but has much of the arresting combination of colours and the vigour of his later pastels. With one dancer seen from the side and one from the back, the tutus left unfilled, and only parts of their bodies worked up in grey and white oil paint, this is clearly a quick sketch, but with the presence of a finished work.

> ❛ The £925,000 shared by all the museum's departments is clearly not enough to sustain life ❜

Odilon Redon's *La Cellule d'Or* is one of his most celebrated works, partly because the woman's face in deep blue seen in profile against a gold ground is such a powerful, haunting image. When shown at Durand-Ruel's Redon retrospective in 1894, its modernity caused it to be singled out by Tolstoy for attack in his polemical treatise *What is Art?*

Alongside this show run two smaller exhibitions. That on the grotesque explores the fantastic designs produced by printmakers for the decorative arts. This style, based on the decorative figures and shapes in Roman wall paintings, found its full expression during the Baroque and Rococo periods.

The exhibition on David Le Marchand, the Huguenot ivory carver from Dieppe, is a treasure house of little portraits carved in the round, or in relief, of characters from the reigns of Queen Anne and King George I. Not much is known about this artist, who is first recorded in Edinburgh in 1696, a lacuna which this show attempts to fill. However, with all his skill at drapery, the curls of wigs, and facial expressions, we are left wondering what purpose these little sculptures had and how they were displayed.

With the British Museum's purchase grant standing at £925,000 this year (down from £1,425,000 in 1995 because of a reduction in government funding), it is hard to see how the prints and drawings collection could possibly continue to add to its holdings except through gifts and the occasional lottery handout (one drawing, by Marco Zoppo, was bought with lottery funds and money from the National Art Collections Fund last year).

Collections that cannot grow are effectively dead: the £925,000 shared among all the departments of the museum is clearly not enough to sustain life in this great national institution and allow it to grow in range and depth. Let the Treasury and the National Heritage Memorial Fund, from which lottery money for the arts is handed out, take note.

● 19th-century French Drawings from the British Museum; The Grotesque: Ornamental Prints from the British Museum; David Le Marchand (1674-1726) "an ingenious man for carving in ivory" *all run until September 15 in the Prints and Drawings galleries of the British Museum (0171-636 1555)*

Nude woman standing **by Pierre Paul Prud'hon: black chalk heightened with white on grey paper**

AROUND THE GALLERIES

THE American artist **James Turrell** returns to London with an installation at Micheal Hue Williams. After passing through a high, sci-fi-style entrance, the visitor is surrounded by a misty, diffuse light in which it is almost impossible to focus. After a time, however, a general state of confusion is replaced by tangible vision, as a large rectangle of blue light emerges. It has taken so long to arrive that the temptation to wait for more is strong. But the blue continues to glow only slightly, an ungraspable space lacking volume or weight. It becomes clear that the art here lies simply in a trick of the light.
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TWO paintings made using a computer-imaging process sit opposite each other while a selection of apparently random single letters hangs on the other wall. This show, by the young American artist **Jack Pierson**, gives the viewer few clues. A sunny day has been captured in fine detail in dots on the canvas surface. Viewed through layers of reflective glass, the image of boats bobbing in a peaceful East Coast harbour seems to provide a sense of escape yet remains ultimately trapped within its own artifice. Lightbulbs in the painting opposite build up a relentless kaleidoscope.
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SACHA CRADDOCK

Igor celebrated, and accused

BBC PROMS

Stravinsky Day
Albert Hall/Radio 3

Stravinsky Day at the Proms — a three-part extravaganza marking the 25th anniversary of the composer's death — opened with an in-the-round staging of *The Soldier's Tale* that used the space of the Albert Hall in a remarkably innovative way. The central arena was converted into a stage on two levels, while the Prommers sat in the orchestral seats and in the corresponding area at the opposite end.

Members of the Birmingham Royal Ballet, with Chi Cao as the Soldier, enacted the drama in Oliver Hindle's fluent, expressive choreography. Paul Griffiths's witty, aptly colloquial translation was delivered by Simon Russell Beale in a narration that eschewed rhetoric and high-contrast dramatic inflection, creating its effect with subtle switches of vocal register and precision timing. The Birmingham Contemporary Music Group (Lyn Fletcher a virtuoso fiddler) provided a taut commentary under Daniel Harding — who, incidentally, becomes the youngest conductor ever to appear at the Proms.

Rhetoric was abandoned rather less convincingly by the two male narrators, Michael Berkeley and Bernard Jacobson, in *The Flood* (receiving its Proms premiere), where the tongue-in-cheek humour of the text needs to be projected with a touch of apocalyptic hyperbole. Mary King as Noah's Wife rose to the challenge, as did Robert Tear, David Wilson-Johnson and Stephen Richardson in the singing roles. Members of the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Oliver Knussen took their many tricky solos with aplomb, and the New London Chamber Choir also distinguished itself, not least in the "Igorian chant" (to borrow the composer's joke) of the Te Deum.

Under its director James Wood, the choir also gave polished performances of the *Très Sacrae Cantiones* (Stravinsky's arrangement of three sacred madrigals by Gesualdo) and of the *Monumentum pro Gesualdo di Venosa ad CD annum*, a further tribute to the Neapolitan master.

The Fairy's Kiss, Stravinsky's tribute to a later master, Tchaikovsky, received a suitably light-footed performance. Admittedly this is Tchaikovskian sentiment filtered through the Stravinskian intellect, but for vibrant contrasts of tonal colour or affectionate sweeps of phrase one listened in vain.

The third concert began with another Proms premiere, the Cantata of 1952. As Richard Taruskin pointed out, in his thought-provoking inaugural BBC Proms Lecture the previous day, the Cantata contains a setting of an anti-Semitic verse all the more troubling for being made a few years after the Holocaust. The moral question should be raised whenever the work is performed, Taruskin argued. Indeed, it is all too easy to overlook it, especially when the piece is done with the elegance brought to it by the Taverner Choir under Andrew Parrott (Teresa Shaw and Neil Jenkins the soloists).

Those who lasted the marathon were rewarded with the most exhilarating performance of the day when Parrott conducted the Birmingham ensemble again in the Concerto for Piano and Wind Instruments. The soloist was Wayne Marshall, scintillating in his virtuosity, but always inspirational rather than merely mechanistic. His inventiveness spilt over into a breathtaking improvisation on themes of Stravinsky by way of an encore.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Swing strong

NYOGB/Daniel
Albert Hall/Radio 3

PERHAPS only the ebullience of the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain could so successfully take the measure of Varèse's *Amériques*, which on Saturday finally reached the Proms 75 years after it was composed. Celebrating "New Worlds on Earth, in the Sky, or in the minds of men," it no longer sounds as shocking as it may once have done. But its explosive ideas bristle with difficulties.

Paul Daniel conducted his massed forces — nearly 160 teenagers — with secure regard for the musical impetus behind what has often been called a piece of sound-sculpture. It presents iconoclastic ideas typical of their time in different lights. Stravinsky, and sometimes Debussy, are in there somewhere, but refracted through Varèse's imagination have followed than a handful of Gershwin songs sung by Sally Burgess, who scaled her lovely operatic mezzo to more modest dimensions while illuminating Ira Gershwin's words with telling inflections. But in standards like the wistful *Someone to Watch Over Me* and the little-heard *Lorelei*, with her "most immoral eye", she needed a microphone to battle new orchestrations that made Gershwin sound unduly clotted.

Demands for an encore brought a repetition of *Slap That Bass*, with the orchestra's principal player proving himself as good a bass-slapper as jazz legends like Ray Brown. *An American in Paris* was then dispatched with the requisite swing even from the oversized orchestra, although Gershwin is surely entitled to as much "authenticity" as, say, Handel.

In Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring* Daniel was concerned to give due clarity to the instrumental character. To this end he was inclined to make it slow and cautious from the start. Even when assured of his young players' command it remained a far from dramatic experience.

Startling creations

St James Players/ Bolton
Albert Hall/Radio 3

CREATION is one of the themes of this year's Proms, and the Creation itself was celebrated in a late-night concert by the St James's Baroque Players and Singers under Ivor Bolton, *Barry Millington writes*. Jean-Féry Rebel's Representation of Chaos from *Les Elémens* has one of the most striking openings in 18th-century music: a compression of all the notes of the octave into one chord. Bolton's realisation registered the anarchic effect without sensationalising it.

Rameau's overture to *Zaïs* treats a similar theme less iconoclastically. Yet the muffled drum strokes and abrupt key changes are arresting enough, especially when heard with the clarity afforded by period instruments. Graham Sadler's edition allowed colours as never before, since the composer was obliged, by public taste, to substitute a more anodyne version for his original. We heard a remarkably original tonal palette, dominated by the *petites flûtes* (transverse Baroque piccolos, played admirably by Rachel Brown and Marion Moonen).

Rameau's grand motet *In convertendo* recalls the composer's secular style, though there is more counterpoint than in his operas. Nowhere is this deployed better than in the finale, dispatched exhilaratingly by the St James's Singers and soloists. A mention is due for Guillemette Laurens and chorus member Helen Groves, who jointly stepped into the breach to take over from an indisposed Claron McFadden.

Laurens was also outstanding in Charpentier's *Te Deum*, given by an orchestra that included only one trumpet (the fine Mark Bennett), instead of the usual three or more. That is not the only difference that would have struck addicts of Eurovision. Bolton brought a dancing rhythm to the Prelude and several other sections — a *subtler grandeur, perhaps*, than the ceremonial with which the piece is often

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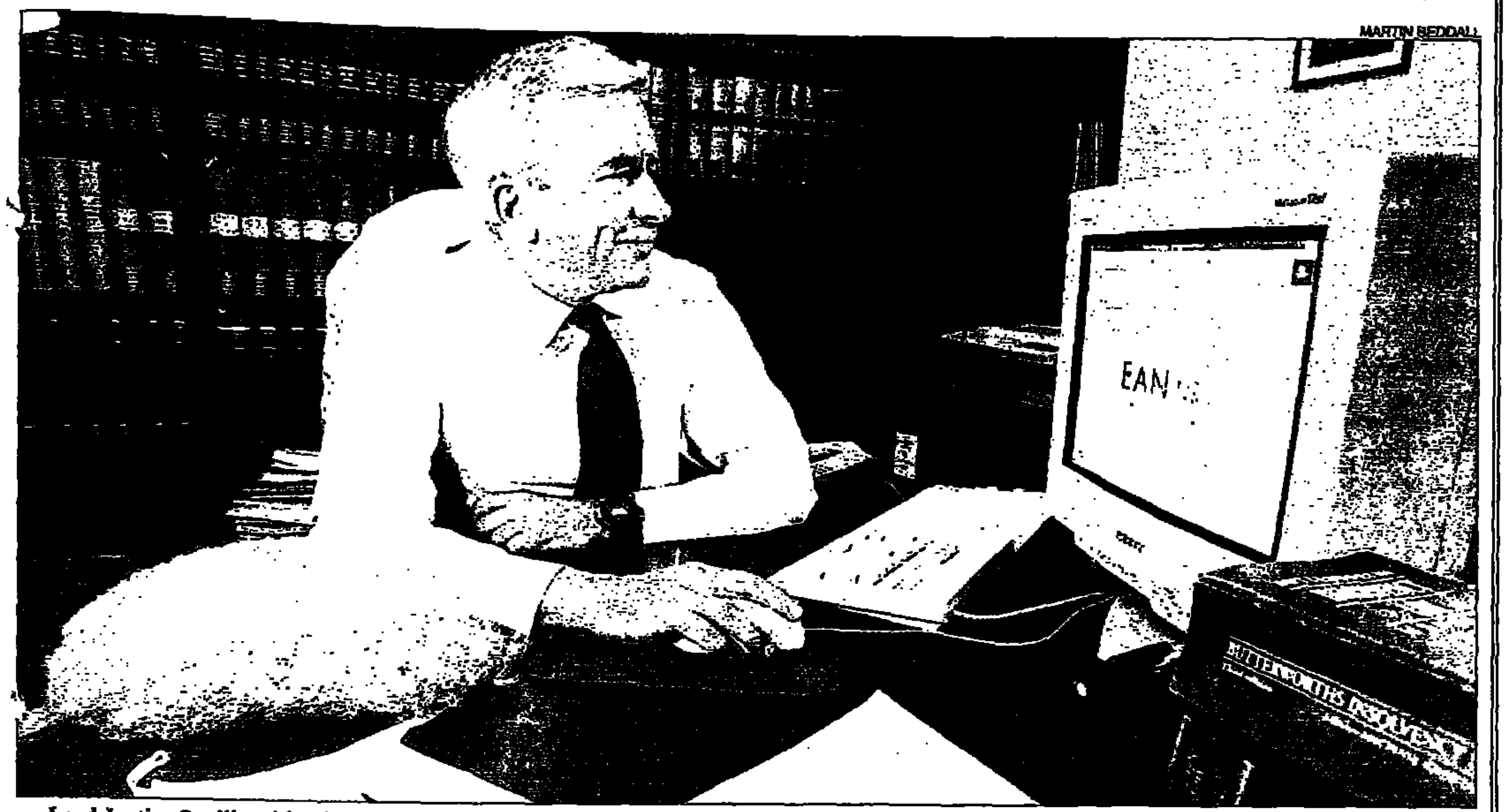
The legal system is switching on to information technology, says **Frances Gibb**


MARTIN BEDDALL

Lord Justice Saville with wig, mouse and screen in his chambers at the Royal Courts of Justice. More than 300 judges now have computers

Judges surf into court

If Lord Woolf has his way, the legal system is poised for a technological revolution. At the heart of his plans for a shake-up in civil justice is the wholesale computerisation of the civil courts. Lord Woolf's idea that judges should become trial managers, controlling the pace of cases and setting timetables, will go nowhere, he believes, without underpinning by the latest technology.

This, with the training of judges, is a first priority and "absolutely crucial". He says: "The most important thing is to get the structure ready for the change behind the scenes. You have to get the judiciary organised and trained, and you have to have the technology in place. This is right at the forefront of the reforms."

Progress is not as swift as he would like. But there are clear signs of the legal profession abandoning its quill-and-pen image. Technology is now a vital tool used not only for running chambers and law firms but also increasingly by judges and lawyers themselves. It is used for research (for legal databases) and for drafting opinions, documents and contracts. Judges have also entered the computer age. More than 300 of them have been supplied with personal computers by the Lord Chancellor's Department. Some take notes on screen in court; others write in their judgments.

Lawyers have also hit the Internet. Some 50 law firms and about one dozen barristers or their chambers now have noticeboards advertising their services on the net: one law firm, Fiddler & Pepper, in Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, has launched a conveyancing service there. The housebuyer or seller fills out a form on the firm's web site, the firm responds with a quotation as to charges and if it is acceptable, the transaction can proceed via e-mail. Another firm, Schilling & Lom, has used e-mail to serve an injunction. Judges, too, are linked via their own communications network, Felix, and can chat about rulings.

Yet a gap remains between what individual judges and lawyers are doing and the situation in the courts. The Court Service, the agency which runs the courts in England and Wales, is putting in place a Private Finance Initiative of £50 to 60 million to computerise the civil courts. Bids are in but the contract has not yet been awarded.

Lord Woolf has expressed concern that the venture must be monitored, with strict safeguards, or else "policy, strategy and control of future developments" could be lost to a third-party private sector supplier. He accepts, however, that the venture also provides an "unparalleled opportunity" to create an "IT infrastucture for the court system".

Meanwhile, the courtroom of the future is taking off on other fronts. Smith Bernal, the court reporting firm, has already had huge success with its LiveNote instant computer transmission system. The firm won the official court reporting contract from the Lord Chancellor's Department to cover the Court of Appeal and Central Criminal Court for three years from April this year. Its LiveNote system has been used in several big trials here and abroad, including those of the Maxwell brothers and O.J. Simpson.

The system is a software program that provides instant transmission of the court proceedings on a screen within two seconds of the words being spoken. Judges and lawyers can mark, annotate and search the evidence for key words and obtain printouts of sections and full transcripts of the day's proceedings. The system has won the approval of judges such as Lord Justice Phillips (the Maxwell trial judge) and Lord Justice Brooke, as well as others who have used it in complex fraud trials. The Serious Fraud Office is in favour.

The LiveNote system could just be the start, however. Smith Bernal has broken new ground with a video system which allows judges and lawyers to view the witness on the screen, alongside the text of the spoken evidence. The advantage is that any part of a witness's evidence may be frozen and replayed later. So the jury can be reminded of what was said and how.

The system would mean allowing video cameras into courts, but in England and Wales cameras are banned. Graham Smith, managing director of Smith Bernal, says: "Some see this as one step towards allowing TV into court. We don't agree. Our view is that to have the record of court proceedings in video form as well as text form is much more informative and valuable to the trial parties and the judge."

Such a video recording, made via a fixed camera, is digitised so it can be stored on a computer on either hard disc or CD and easily retrieved. "It is a much more powerful medium for reminding juries of the key passages," Mr Smith says. It could also prove of benefit in appeals where judges have sometimes had to deal with trial transcripts years old.

Johnnie Cochran, O.J. Simpson's lawyer, agrees. He says: "It's the cutting edge. Any trial lawyer wants to be at the forefront of any new technology . . . we already have used the LiveNote, and to have the video as well adds a new and better dimension. It has been said that a picture is worth a thousand words and if I want to demonstrate the credibility of a witness, this would be excellent."

The credibility of witnesses was at the heart of the O.J. Simpson trial and Cochran says he would have loved to have been able to recall the moment when Simpson tried to pull on the gloves he allegedly used in his wife's murder.

The first step is likely to be its use in pre-trial hearings in the United States. Some judges in England are also positive. But they worry that counsel may take videos out of context in closing addresses, or that images of the judge's demeanour could be used as the basis of spurious appeals. Smith Bernal hope's that the Lord Chancellor's Department will agree to a trial period.

Lord Woolf's report will have given them a boost. His vision goes far wider than computerising court administration: he sees people using court systems to track cases; obtaining information from computer kiosks; for more hearings via telephone, and video conferencing. He envisages video-recording and viewing facilities in trial centres to help with the presentation of expert evidence and prerecorded statements.

The big question is whether adequate funds will be forthcoming from the Treasury. But as Lord Woolf puts it, investment in appropriate technology is "fundamental to the future of our civil justice system" because it is likely to be "a catalyst for future change".

Critical lesson of the Pentagon Papers

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In English law, "national security is the exclusive responsibility of the executive", as Lord Donaldson, then Master of the Rolls, stated on behalf of the Court of Appeal in 1991. The difficulties created and the interests served by judicial consideration of government claims about the security of the nation are examined in an important new book, *The Day the Presses Stopped: A History of the Pentagon Papers Case*, by David Rudenstine.

In 1971, *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* each obtained a copy of large parts of the top-secret Pentagon Papers, a 7,000-page history (including original documents) of the United States' involvement in Vietnam from the 1940s to the late 1960s prepared by the Pentagon for its own purposes. The newspapers began to publish extracts, revealing how the American Government had misled the public about the purpose of the nation's involvement in South-East Asia, and its likely duration and cost (in both financial and human terms). The Government sought an injunction claiming that the publication of these, and further extracts, would do irreparable harm to national security, especially when American troops were still fighting the Vietnam War.

The New York Times published the first extracts on June 12, 1971. After lower courts had granted interim orders restraining publication while the legal issues were considered, the Supreme Court decided on June 30 (by six votes to three) to deny the Government's claim for further injunctions. Of the six judges in the majority, two held that the First Amendment to the United States Constitution (guaranteeing freedom of the press) prohibited any prior restraint at the suit of the Government; three others concluded that the Government had not satisfied the heavy burden of showing that publication would cause such damage to national security that an injunction should be granted; and the sixth judge found against the Government because Congress had not given it power to claim relief. The three dissenting judges argued that the courts should defer to the executive assessment of national security, and that insufficient time had been allowed for proper judicial consideration of the issues.

Professor Rudenstine describes (with narrative skill, and legal and political insight) the exciting — and often incredible — events, in the White House, in the newspaper offices, and in court. The claim for a temporary injunction against *The New York Times* in the US District Court started to go badly wrong when the judge (who was hearing his first ever case) was surprised to find that the Government had delivered 47 supposedly top-secret volumes to his chambers and left them unguarded. The US Attorney sensibly asked his government clients which parts of the study (much of which was anodyne or already in the public domain) were sensitive and why, so he could address argument on this subject, and was told, to his astonishment, that this "information is classified".

Despite the competition from Daniel Ellsberg (the source of the leak), Benjamin Bradlee (Executive Editor of *The Washington Post*), and others, the central character in this extraordinary drama was President Richard Nixon. He was goaded into litigation by his National Security Adviser, Henry Kissinger, telling him that he would otherwise appear a "weakling". The Pentagon Papers largely concerned policies of Nixon's Democratic predecessors, and the President told his staff that he wanted someone more "effective" than Bob Dole (then Republican Party chairman) to use extracts to attack the administrations of Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. At one stage, Nixon, a lawyer, contemplated arguing the case himself before the Supreme Court "to indicate the importance" of the issues.

He was persuaded to leave the advocacy to his Solicitor-General, Erwin Griswold. Rudenstine does not include Griswold's story that, after the judgment, he was invited to a lunch at the White House. While shaking hands in the receiving line, he commented to the President that "we did not do so well in the Pentagon Papers case", whereupon Nixon "froze, and seemed to glare, saying nothing". Griswold quickly moved on.

As Professor Rudenstine explains, the Pentagon Papers case was a defining event in modern American politics. While victory in court conferred prestige and self-confidence on *The Washington Post*, President Nixon decided that if he could not protect himself from his "enemies" by legal means, he would resort to other, less scrupulous methods. These paths merged at Watergate. Publication of the Pentagon Papers exacerbated the national trauma of involvement in Vietnam, and confirmed the vital role of the press in exposing official incompetence and deceit.

There is no evidence that publication of the Pentagon Papers did in fact have any adverse effect on national security. The important lesson of the case is that, as elsewhere, unless judges apply their critical faculties, governments will make overbroad claims that deny fundamental rights to citizens.

The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.

● *The Day the Presses Stopped (University of California Press, $34.95)*

INNS AND OUTS

Good Bar companion

A NEW edition of *The Havers' Companion to the Bar*, which broke new ground when first published in 1991 because barristers resented being asked to publicise personal details and charges, has just come out. Some things change: most barristers are now falling over themselves to give out information. Others don't: fees still remain a "no-go" area for many.

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Lord Mackay: reformer

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During the ceremony, university orator Dr Bob Borthwick said that the Lord Chancellor's efforts to make the legal system more competitive and less intimidating for ordinary citizens reflected "the deep humanity and liberalism of this most distinguished and open-minded lawyer". The Indian High Commissioner, Dr Laxmi Singhvi, also received an honorary degree.

Able guides

GUIDES to help businesses to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act have been produced by disability consultancy Churchill & Friend, of Alton, Hampshire. One guide explains the law on employing disabled people and the other advises businesses how they can avoid discriminating against disabled customers.

Churchill & Friend quotes an American survey showing that on average every dollar spent on compliance with disability laws brought a $27.48 benefit. For details telephone 01420 544494.

Cop a fee

THE long arm of the law extends into Wolferstans, the Plymouth law firm. It has no fewer than four former police officers on its fee-earning staff, including senior partner David Gabbitas. Relations between police and solicitors can often be frosty, but, unsurprisingly, the firm reports an excellent understanding between it and the local police force, which, it says, is increasingly using the firm for advice and representation.

The other former policemen in the firm are Denis Chamberlain, an expert in police disciplinary procedures, former CID officer Davy Jones, who now advises rather than arrests suspects, and Dick Brown, who has helped many a police officer to move house.

Double vision

LAW firms are always poaching up-and-coming solicitors from their rivals. But Manchester firm Lace Mawer has come up with two for the price of one. Two young family law practitioners, Caroline Bor and Sally Merry, who were operating a job share at neighbouring firm Vaudreys, will continue their arrangement at Lace Mawer.

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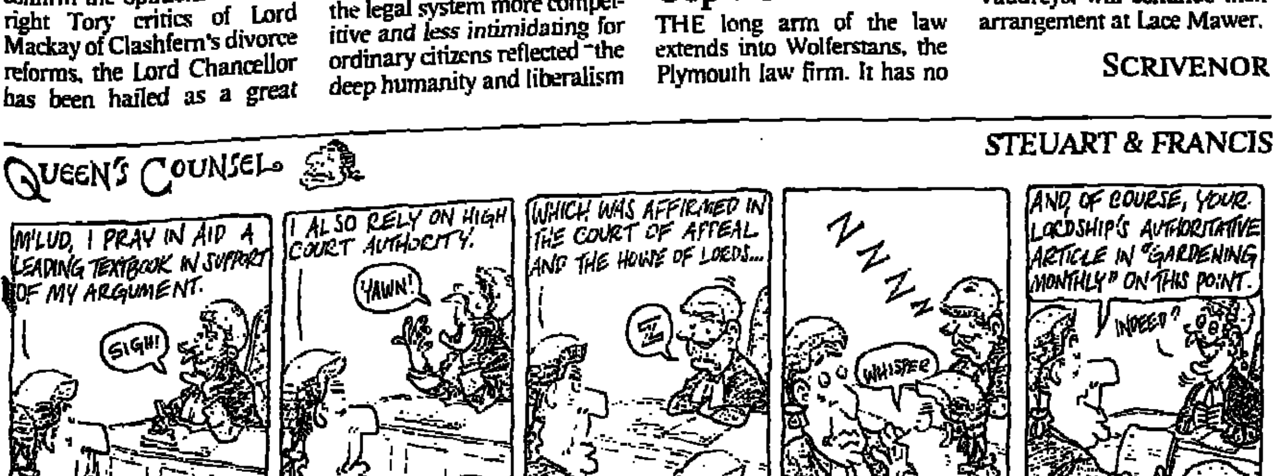
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Who can and can't sue for libel? **Robin Lewis** on how privatisation may change things in future

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Mr Justice French, who halted a libel action by British Coal against the National Union of Mineworkers, and, right, Lamb and Botham, who lost their recent libel case

A sticky wicket for fair comment

The recent Ian Botham v Imran Khan libel match reminded everyone that libel actions are an option only for the rich. But there are other restrictions on who can sue for libel.

The question of whether public bodies have a right to do so came up again at the end of June, when Mr Justice French halted the libel action which British Coal (formerly the National Coal Board) had brought against the National Union of Mineworkers.

The story goes as far back as early 1992, when British Coal's pension fund trustees voted, in the teeth of NUM opposition, not to pay employer contributions into the Mineworkers Pension Scheme. In the long run, this would have meant British Coal making no payments for a total of 11 years, saving the company more than £750 million.

Throughout this period, working miners would have continued to pay employee contributions into the fund. Theft and robbery were among the epithets used in an article in the *Yorkshire Miner* to describe this decision. British Coal sued, claiming that the company had been accused of dishonesty; not so, countered the union: the language used was no more than fair comment.

The action took an unusually scenic route to reach its trial. British Coal's witnesses admitted that between October 1992 and April 1995, the company took no steps to move the case forward. Not that British Coal was short of things to do: in the same period it disposed of all its pits and reduced its workforce from 59,000 (when the article was published) to 397 on the first day of the trial. It was, perhaps, these events which the judge had in mind when he commented that the case had "an element of unreality".

Fair comment apart, the union argued that British Coal does not have the capacity in law to sue for libel. It based the argument on a 1993 decision of the House of Lords. In that case, *The Sunday Times* had attacked the integrity of investment decisions made by Derbyshire County Council's Pension Fund. The council sued, as did its leader, David Bookbinder, and the businessman, Owen Oyston.

The newspaper paid damages to the two individuals, but argued that a local authority cannot sue for libel.

The House of Lords agreed. In a democratic society, it said, a government body has to be open to criticism, uninhibited by the "chilling effect" of the libel laws.

Not only is there no social need for such cases to be brought, said Lord Keith, but public interest demands that they should not be brought, because they "place an undesirable fetter on freedom of speech".

Derbyshire was an elected council and the Lords had in mind that it would, in time, answer to the electorate. Who else would be covered by the same reasoning?

> You can say what you like about your NHS hospital, but not about the privatised wards

Lord Keith made clear that the judgment would apply to what he variously described as "organs of government", "any governmental body exercising governmental functions", and, most expansively, "a corporate public authority". The ruling would not apply to individuals in the public service if they were individually libelled.

How then did Mr Justice French apply this to British Coal? He had heard a great deal of evidence about the statutory framework which has governed the coal industry since 1946. He accepted — particularly in the light of the Divisional Court's overruling of Michael Heseltine's pit closure programme in 1992 — that the Government exercises close ministerial control over the industry, and that these factors together render British Coal a public authority of the type which Lord Keith had in mind.

It is easy to apply the Derbyshire principles to the traditional concept of government. A government department cannot sue, but a government minister can; Mr Bookbinder was entitled to damages as an individual: his council was not.

Nor is it difficult to think of bodies in the public sector before 1979, and to say that the National Coal Board, the Milk Marketing Board or the Post Office all carried out governmental functions and therefore fell within the Derbyshire principles.

Now move to the economy of 1996. A massive programme of privatisation and deregulation has created a network of quangos and semi-public bodies, which dwell on the cusp of the private and public sectors.

Some commercial companies carry out what used to be thought of as exclusively functions of government (running the prisons, selling the water, mining the coal); many organs of government work closely with or depend upon the private sector; while some government departments seem determined to privatise themselves out of existence.

Lord Keith ruled that freedom of speech demands that governmental bodies take public criticism without going to the libel court. Yet anomalies and ironies abound. The NUM could comment robustly on British Coal without fear of a libel action, but now that the English pits have been bought by RJB Mining, it may have to be more circumspect.

You can say what you like about your local NHS hospital, but not about the wards whose services are run by limited companies. We must all hope in the long run that the Derbyshire approach prevails, and that the chilling effect of the libel laws on public debate of the public services does not turn out to be one of the unthought-of consequences of privatisation.

● *The author is a partner with Bindman & Partners, the London solicitors*

Help yourself by helping others

Edward Fennell looks at mutual assistance between legal firms

There will be few senior partners in middle-ranking firms who will be relaxing on their holidays with a light heart. The big outfits in the City may have returned to prosperity but it is still tough for the smaller to medium-sized firms in the regions. Some of their most experienced lawyers will spend their time away agonising over how they can survive in the face of changes to legal aid and increasing competition over fees.

The loneliness of many law firms adds to their difficulties. As one senior partner put it: "If you're in difficulties as a lawyer you don't tell other lawyers about it." One answer is to pool anxieties with like-minded peers who pose no threat. Peter Collier, the chairman of LawGroup UK, which has more than 80 members, says: "The partners of these firms may have good legal skills but their business management ability is limited."

A typical example concerns chargeable hours. Mr Collier says: "Some law firms get only 1,100 chargeable hours a year from their lawyers. We found that many of our members achieved up to 1,300 hours. The means of doing this were pinpointed and passed on to the rest of the group."

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Mr Collier sees efficiency as being an essential ingredient for quality — and quality is clearly going to be the issue which will determine the survival of many firms. The cross-fertilisation of ideas and experiences may be one of the only ways of improving performance. The Solicitors Information Group (SIG), with nine firms in the South East and Midlands, is now gearing up for similar forms of mutual help, having just appointed Simon Bray, of Nelson's Practice Development, as management consultant.

Ian Condrington, senior partner of Sharman & Trethewy, a group member, says that networks such as SIG enable the smaller firm to plug into wider experience. As well as having a consultant on European law, SIG enables members to advise each other on topics such as computerisation and financial control.

Mr Bray believes that this free and informal exchange of information should now be extended and systematised. "Unlike many groups which are concerned with marketing, SIG is solely interested in providing a relaxed exchange of information among firms which are not competing with each other."

For many medium-sized regional firms the real crunch comes in their ability to pass the quality thresholds being imposed on them by their clients. Chief among these is the Legal Aid Board. Unlike many lawyers, the members of LawGroup are positive about the LAB's approach to awarding franchises.

Peter Warner, LawGroup's senior practice consultant, says: "I am afraid that the Law Society has been left standing on the issue of quality in law firms. We shall continue to work closely with the Legal Aid Board to help to improve the quality standards of the profession." So maybe slackness elsewhere is allowing a minority of lawyers to surge ahead.

But the catch is that firms have to improve their performance to gain admission to mutual-help groups. Membership of SIG is by invitation only. LawGroup lays down tough entry requirements. After all, there is no point in opening the doors to firms who have nothing to contribute.

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ROBIN MAYES

Countdown to a university place: students at Woolwich College scan the list of A-level results to find their grades

Whether or not the A-level pass rate takes another leap as expected on Thursday, one thing is unfortunately easy to predict. The results will be bad news for many students, since research shows that about half of all the grades forecast by schools are over-optimistic.

In a survey of six subjects by the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (Ucas), it was found that 30 per cent of predictions were wrong by a factor of two or more grades.

The vagaries of this system have led the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals to propose a twin-track system for the future, which would allow some students to choose to wait until they get their grades before they apply for courses. But the question that many will again ask this year is whether the odd C instead of a B will make that much difference when it comes to university entry.

The answer very much depends on both course and university. Vicky Forest is assistant registrar at Durham University. She says: "Such is our popularity that the vast percentage not only make the grades we ask for but exceed them. However, there are times when we do have a problem filling our quotas in certain subjects, and then two Bs and a C might do instead of three Bs, but we are not interested in straying too far from our specified standards."

The difficulties arising from students not making their grades and universities changing their entry requirements weeks before the courses start are confusing for the schools. It would be easier if university places were offered after A-level results were known.

Margaret Callum is head of the sixth form at South Hampstead High School for Girls in north London. She says: "We know that if Trinity, Cambridge, says three As to read law then it is three As or nothing. However, at most universities modern languages have been dropping at least two grades from their original offers.

"It is a totally chaotic system and very unfair. The universities give out very mixed signals about what you should do if you just miss your grades. They say do not pester, but we have had girls who did and were told they had got the place because they showed such interest."

Sandy Tittershill is the deputy head at Blue Coat School, Liverpool, and deals with Ucas. He says: "There are the courses with entry requirements written in stone and there are many, especially at the newer universities, which are more flexible. Our experience is that all our students who want to go to university do go even if it means shopping around. My advice to those who do not get the grades for their first choice is keep trying, there is a place for you somewhere."

That is an optimistic view. Last year Ucas reported that 420,000 people tried for a university place and only 290,000 were successful. Of the successful ones, 41,000 found their course through the clearing system, which caters largely for those who do not make the grades for their first choice course.

Applicants must remember that they are not the only ones trying for places at universities. In the sciences especially, universities can often find better qualified students from abroad if they have to.

At Aberdeen and Birmingham universities there is a similar feeling of not wanting to dilute a "quality" market reputation by lowering entry standards. Aberdeen felt it was most likely to be flexible in agriculture and engineering, while Birmingham said that if the head teacher's report was good the odd dropped grade in requirements for history or English might be acceptable.

New universities take a different line. Kingston felt that a B could become a C and still be acceptable for architecture, whereas for engineering and science courses two Cs could well be reduced to two Ds when it came to filling its last places.

Some universities also relax specified grades in certain subjects. Durham admits that if it asked for an ABC and the student got the A in the wrong subject, that could still be satisfactory, bearing in mind that the difference between grades can be as little as one or two marks.

The best advice for those disappointed by their results but determined to secure a university place is not to plan a holiday, but to reassess all options including retakes, a year off and clearing, with the help of *The Times* this Thursday and from next Monday, when full course-vacancy listings begin.

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Can students afford to take a year out?

New course fees may force them to forget seeing the world before university, says **David Charter**

A cloud hangs over the prospect of taking a year off before university for students who want to travel, earn money or retake A levels. The skies are gloomy because of tuition "top-up" fees.

No British universities at present charge students directly for course tuition, apart from the private Buckingham University, where students pay £14.568 for their two-year degree.

However, vice-chancellors have threatened to introduce a £300 levy for all students starting in October 1997, unless higher education cuts imposed in last year's Budget are restored by the Chancellor this November.

There are also signs that some of the country's most popular institutions could be preparing their own fees from 1997, whatever happens in the Budget.

Students starting this year would be exempt from both these possibilities. So should that influence their decision on whether to take a year off, especially if their results are worse than expected when published on Thursday?

Student backpackers may face an expensive return

Taking a year off simply to travel has become less popular as university living costs increase, but many school-leavers still organise a combination of travel and work to gain extra funds for the lean years ahead. Those who have planned this carefully by applying for deferred entry are unlikely to find themselves charged a course fee in 1997. This is because universities are bound to consider not only legal but moral obligations towards their students, and deferred-entry students have accepted their places on the basis of free tuition. The National Union of Students has pledged to help any students to fight the sudden imposition of fees.

The LSE may need to charge students £850 a year to make up for government cuts

What about students considering a year off for retakes? Admissions officers always advise students to take up a place through clearing if they can, as retakes can often be disappointing.

The London School of Economics has discussed top-up fees in principle. It might need to charge £850 a year to make up for government cuts. Patrick Wallace, assistant registrar at the LSE, says: "There has not been a decision made about fees. We are thinking about it, like a lot of other universities, because of the widespread feeling that we cannot continue to maintain quality of experience for students on the present level of government funding."

The LSE expects to make a clear statement on the likelihood of fees for 1997 as near as possible to the start of next year's application process, on September 1.

Birmingham attracted media interest after it was said to be considering an annual fee of £700. A spokesman said that top-up fees would be considered if "the worst came to the worst" after the Budget.

He added: "It would not be a flat fee. It would be related to the money we need to raise, demand for each course and the cost of each course. Nor would we do it on our own. It would be in the company of a group of similar universities."

The Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals is taking legal advice on whether fees can be charged once the application process starts. Even if it recommended a £300 entry levy for 1997, far from all universities would implement it. The split would be largely along new and old university lines.

One senior university official told *The Times*: "Only universities in a market position to justify it could charge top-up fees."

Only popular universities can risk putting off some applicants with a charge. Privately, most think that it will be too late to make an announcement after November's Budget for fees to come in next year.

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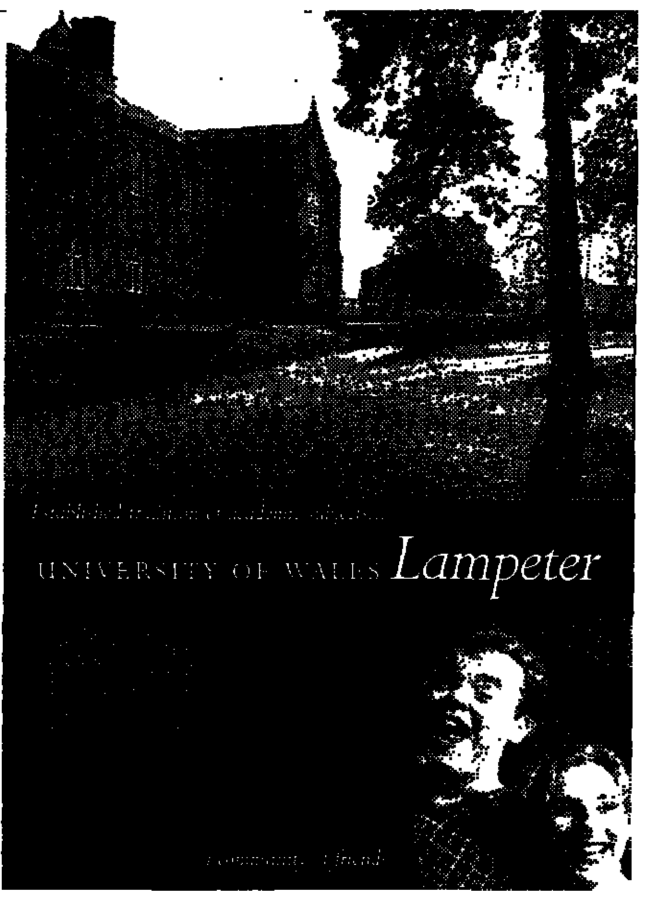

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PARALYMPICS: BRITISH ATHLETE MAKES RAPID PROGESS TO RAISE HOPES OF A MEDAL IN ATLANTA

Juniper sprints to turn disaster into track triumph

John Cassy meets a university student who was setting national records within five months of having his leg amputated

The ethos of the Olympics, we are told, is one that values the act of participation over all others, particularly the winning. If that is still the case today, then the remarkable recovery from injury made by Matthew Juniper, a Cambridge University student, in order to compete in the Paralympic Games, which open in Atlanta on Thursday, could not be more poignant.

Just 20 months ago, Juniper, 23, was recuperating in Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge, having shattered his right leg while playing in an inter-college rugby match. So severe was the break that the leg ultimately had to be amputated from the knee down, a loss which doctors initially predicted would prevent him from undertaking any strenuous exercise again.

Indeed, anyone entering his hospital room at the time and telling him that less than two years later he would be clocking 12.4sec for the 100 metres would themselves have been advised to seek medical attention. Yet that is exactly what has happened.

What no one accounted for was Juniper's determination to prove people wrong and to return to as normal a lifestyle as possible. He recalls that one particular letter of support sent to his home in Oxford, as he recovered from the amputation with the help of his parents and sister, epitomised what he felt he had to do.

The letter quoted Kipling's "If", which contains a line about meeting with triumph and disaster and "treating those imposters just the same". "Even when I was waiting to be anaesthetised for my amputation, I knew that no amount of moaning was going to bring my leg back. Now, every time I do something I am not expected to do, I feel I have in some way turned disaster into triumph," he said.

For someone so determined to prove the doubters wrong, and overcome something as disabling as an amputation, the 100 metres sprint, which symbolised almost everything he had been told he could no longer do, presented the ultimate challenge. Having run the 400 metres competitively at prep school, he was confident it was a challenge he could meet. His doctor put him in touch with the British Amputees and Les Autres Sports Association (BALASA) last October: he has been training with them ever since.

Juniper's progress has been startling. Within five months he had shaved nearly one second off the previous British record for a leg amputee running the 100 metres and, within eight months, he was in the British Paralympic team bound for Atlanta.

The final adjustments are made to the leg designed for sprinting

Injuries to calf and thigh muscles, which found it difficult to come to terms with the special leg he uses for running, have subjected him to even more pain. It has, however, been worth it.

"It has been a fantastic experience, although being selected for the Olympic squad was a surprise because I'm so new to the scene and still have a long way to go," Juniper said. "Being so recent an amputee also has its problems as the unstable nature of the stump can sometimes cause the running leg to begin to wobble off during a race, but, with time and training, I think I can break the 12-second barrier. It would be pushing it to do it at Atlanta, but by Sydney in the year 2000, who knows?"

Peter Arnott, the coach at BALASA, who has witnessed Juniper's remarkable progress at first hand, feels that by 2000 the engineering student should be looking beyond the competing to the winning. He said: "Matthew has a very good chance of being in the medals at Atlanta, which for someone who is really preparing for Sydney is a fantastic bonus.

"We never want to put any athlete under too much pressure, but, seeing his determination and allowing another year's training, I would expect his time to fall below 11.5sec. Given that the current world record stands at 11.4, he is a fantastic prospect."

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Juniper, the British Paralympic sprinter, puts his new competition leg to the test

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Britain selectors face doubts over Wigan pair

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

WHEN the selectors sat down yesterday to pick the Great Britain party to tour Papua New Guinea, Fiji and New Zealand next month, one of several difficulties they encountered was not knowing whether two players who should be automatic choices can participate.

Jason Robinson and Gary Connolly will be named today in the 32-strong squad. Phil Larder, the Great Britain coach, was adamant that the two Wigan backs, both experienced international players, should be included, yet their contracts with the Australian Rugby League (ARL) appear to prohibit them from representing their country.

Connolly and Martin Hall, another Wigan player contracted to play in Australia from next year, were both withdrawn from the world nines tournament by the ARL in Fiji last February. They and Robinson were allowed to take part in the recent European championship, but they are unlikely to receive dispensation by the ARL to tour for five weeks.

If Connolly does not tour he may be able to play rugby union for Harlequins in the Courage Clubs Championship. The west London club has inquired about his availability to appear for them this winter. The Rugby Football League (RFL) has asked clubs not to release players to rugby union who have signed loyalty contracts with the Super League without its permission, but as an ARL-aligned player, it has no jurisdiction over Connolly.

The problem is symptomatic of the mess the game is in at international level. There is no likelihood of it being cleaned up until after the appeal verdict, in Sydney later this year, against the ban on Super League in Australia until 2000. The ban was responsible for the lucrative Australia leg of the tour being cancelled.

Sir Rodney Walker, the RFL chairman, yesterday called for peace talks with the ARL, whatever the court verdict. "International rugby is the platform for expansion and we must find a way of re-establishing great international fixtures of the past," he said.

"Those who care about rugby league, and I believe that applies to people in Australia, recognise that the longer the dispute goes on, the greater the damage."

There is speculation that Martin Offiah, at 30, might not be included, in which case he will be free to concentrate on his winter rugby union activities at Bedford, and that the accent in the party will be on youth. At 21, Andrew Farrell, the Wigan forward, will become the youngest tour captain. Although he has been ostracised by Warrington, Iestyn Harris, the subject of much interest from rugby union clubs, notwithstanding a £1.35 million price tag, has been assured of his tour place. Warrington might not want him at stand-off half, but Larder apparently does.

Offiah: may be omitted

Meanwhile, Wigan do not intend to get permission from the RFL for players to go to union in winter. Va'aiga Tuigamala and Henry Paul are close to taking up short-term deals with Wasps and Bath respectively.

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MOTOR RACING: Williams team-mate poses only threat to Englishman in race for world championship

Villeneuve sets sights on Hill in title duel

OLIVER HOLT

JACQUES VILLENEUVE had a plane to catch. He dashed out of the Williams garage at the Hungaroring, pursued by a camera crew, his girlfriend and his manager. He said his goodbyes to Frank Williams, the team owner, and hurried towards his car. He stopped to answer just one question, about whether he could force the drivers' world championship down to the wire. "That's the plan," he said.

An hour earlier, his narrow win over his team-mate, Damon Hill, in the Hungarian Grand Prix had cut the Englishman's lead over him in the race for the title to 17 points. In the process, it tore away any vestiges of team restraints that might have prevented a fight to the finish between the two of them.

Nobody can catch Williams in the constructors' championship now, nor can Hill or Villeneuve be caught by any other driver, no matter how destructive their rivalry becomes in the last four races of the season. The two of them have *carte blanche* to battle it out and the hard edges are already beginning to show.

"It would be nice if Damon had a few mishaps between now and the end of the season," Villeneuve said, "but it is impossible to predict that sort of thing. All he has to do, even if I win every race, is to finish second, so the odds are against me — but I will fight right to the end."

Villeneuve's manager, Craig Pollock, was even more optimistic. "I think Damon has got a problem, because the championship is going all the way," he said. "Jacques has been to Monza, Estoril and Suzuka and he will be good at all three. He does not know Spa, but it is the type of circuit that should suit him. He is going to get better and better."

Villeneuve and his entourage, though, have a healthy respect for Hill that is reciprocated by the Englishman. They have become friends as well as rivals in the time they have been team-mates and their relationship does not appear to be infused with the suffocating tension that dogs so many Formula One partnerships. Even when he knows Villeneuve will be going flat out to try to deprive him of the goal that he has striven so hard to achieve, Hill predicted yesterday that their amicable behaviour was unlikely to degenerate.

"I do not think there will really be any extra pressure on our relationship," Hill said, after a promotional visit to Varna, in Bulgaria. "Jacques is not the sort of guy who is about to try and aggravate things. We both have a dig at each other now and again, but in the best possible spirit.

"Nevertheless, of course I want to win the world championship. I deserve it and I have worked very hard for it. I am going to hang on to the lead I have got until the grim end. Jacques is getting closer to me in competitive terms and inevitably he is going to get more attuned to Formula One the longer he is in it, so it will be tough. All things being equal, though, he is going to have to make a quantum leap in order to beat me consistently."

Hill returned to his wife and family, who are holidaying in the south of France, last night for a short break. He will travel to Barcelona later in the week to take over from Villeneuve for the second half of a four-day test. The Englishman is likely to use it for practising the starts that have let him down so badly in recent races. With his team-mate closing in, the margin for error is getting smaller and smaller.

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Villeneuve gets the celebrations under way in traditional style from the winners' rostrum at the Hungaroring

EQUESTRIANISM: OLYMPIC CHAMPION TO TEST STRENGTH IN RESERVE

Tait expectations tempered for trials

By Jenny MacArthur

BLYTH TAIT, winner of the individual Olympic three-day event gold medal in Atlanta, has returned from a celebratory week in his native New Zealand to compete with a new international prospect, the ten-year-old thoroughbred Derby, in the Everdon Horse Trials in Northamptonshire today.

The event, one of the oldest in the calendar, has a 330-strong entry divided among seven classes. The open intermediate section has attracted a formidable array of international riders including two former Olympic champions — Tait's compatriot, Mark Todd, and Matt Ryan, of Australia — and three members of Great Britain's Olympic team — William Fox-Pitt, Karen Dixon and Gary Parsonage.

Tait, 35, who flew back from New Zealand on Sunday, was "overwhelmed" by the reception that he received there. "I was flown up to my home town of Pukekohe and there was a street parade and 11,000 people waiting," he said. "It was amazing, I didn't think anything like that was going to happen."

With his Olympic champion, Ready Teddy, now enjoying a month's holiday, Tait is concentrating on the newcomers in his string. Derby, New Zealand-bred and owned jointly by Team Toggi and Ian McKenzie, was brought over two years ago, but had last year off after rupturing a tendon.

Tait, who has had double clear rounds with him in his three previous open intermediate sections, said that he does not expect to win, but he regularly dismisses his chances: before Atlanta, he said that Ready Teddy was "too young and inexperienced" for him to have any serious medal hopes.

Dixon has the most experienced horse in the class in the outstanding Get Smart, a member of Britain's Olympic team in Seoul and Barcelona, but dropped from the Atlanta squad because he has not competed in a three-day event since the world championships in The Hague in 1994. It will be the 16-year-old gelding's first outing since the spring. "He's feeling great, he's just a bit fat," Dixon said yesterday. If he goes well today, and at the Scottish championships at Thirlestane next weekend, Dixon will ride him at Burghley next month.

Todd has three rides, headed by Lady Carole Bamford's Vambi Charboniere. The nine-year-old gelding has not proved the easiest of rides — Todd had a fall with him at Brigstock in April — but seventh place at Hartpury on Sunday has given Todd confidence. "If he's in contention after the dressage and showjumping, we'll be having a go," he said.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Small dropped for Durban encounter

SOUTH Africa yesterday dropped James Small from their rugby union side to play New Zealand in Durban on Saturday. Small faces a disciplinary hearing after allegedly being in a nightclub at 2am last Friday, the day before South Africa's 29-18 defeat by the All Blacks in Cape Town. In another controversial move, the selectors have included Henry Tromp, the Northern Transvaal hooker, who served a prison sentence for assault in 1993.

Tromp is one of two new caps and comes in at the expense of John Allan. Andre Venter is the other, replacing Francois Pienaar, the captain, who was concussed during the defeat at Newlands. Gary Teichmann, the No 8, takes over from Pienaar as captain while Andre Joubert returns from injury to take Small's place at full back. Johan Roux replaces Joost van der Westhuizen at scrum half and Hannes Strydom takes over at lock from Steve Atherton. Justin Swart comes in on the right wing, with Pieter Hendriks back in his natural left-sided role.

First win for Klein

GOLF: Emilee Klein, 22, won the first LPGA tournament of her career when she overhauled Karrie Webb, of Australia, in the Ping Welch's Championship at Canton, Massachusetts, yesterday. Klein became the third first-time winner on the LPGA Tour this year, joining Webb, 21, and Joan Pitcock. She returned a seven-under-par 65 for a four-round total of 273. Klein started the day two shots behind Webb, but birdies at three of the first four holes gave her a lead that she never surrendered. "This is incredible," Klein said. "I've been up there before and let it slip away. I made just about everything today. I've been waiting for this."

Taylor withdraws

CRICKET: Mark Taylor, right, has pulled out of the tour of Sri Lanka this month to have a back operation. The Australia captain aggravated a long-standing injury during recent pre-season training. Ian Healy, the vice-captain, is expected to take over for the limited-overs tournament involving Sri Lanka, India and Zimbabwe. However, the Australian Cricket Board has yet to commit itself formally to taking part in the tournament.

Woe for Walker

GOLF: Sam Walker, a finalist 12 months ago, was knocked out of the British Boys Open Championship in the first round at Littlestone yesterday. The 18-year-old from Maxstone Park in Warwickshire was beaten 7-5 by Oliver Cole, the Gloucester boys captain, in a match that was interrupted by a five-hour delay caused by the thunderstorms that hit the Kent coastline. Walker, who gained the half-point that clinched the boys' home international series for England last week, was plagued by driving problems.

Butler tops the table

CYCLING: Gethin Butler, the Great Britain all-round time-trial champion for the past two years, has gone to the top of the three-distance table in this year's competition with a ride of 295.640 miles to win the North Midlands CF 12-hour event. It is the second greatest mileage covered in a half-day trial in Britain; only Glenn Longland has gone further, when he set the national record of 300.08 miles in 1991. Butler now has an average speed of 27.225mph for events over 50 miles, 100 miles and 12 hours.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

Dealer North **Love all** **IMPs**

North:
♠K 7 4
♥Q 2
♦K 5
♣K Q J 9 8 3

West:
♠Q J 5 2
♥10 6 4
♦10 8 6 2
♣7 5

East:
♠10 9 8 3
♥A 3
♦A Q J 7
♣10 6 4

South:
♠A 6
♥K J 9 8 7 5
♦9 4 3
♣A 2

Only one East player got the defence right on this deal from an early round of last year's Gold Cup. It would have proved a blind spot for many players.

W	N	E	S
	1 C	Pass	1 H
Pass	2 C	Pass	2 S
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 H
Pass	4 H	All pass	

Contract: Four Hearts by South. Lead: two of diamonds.

South's Two Spades was a safe exploratory move (it was unlikely that North would raise after his rebid of Two Clubs) and paved the way for a forcing Three Hearts which, if it had been bid immediately, would have been taken as only invitational.

West's lead of the two of diamonds was covered by the king and ace to leave East on play with a problem. One defender, perhaps optimistically playing his partner for the ace of clubs and less in spades and being able to judge (from the fourth highest lead) that declarer still held two more losing diamonds, continued with ace and another trump. As a result South came to 11 tricks.

The other East, after winning with the ace of diamonds, found a much better switch — he played back the three of hearts, thus keeping control of the trump suit. This finished declarer's chances — if he led a second diamond East would win, draw dummy's second trump, and cash the setting trick in diamonds. If instead declarer started playing on clubs, West would be able to ruff the third round and the defenders would still have a trump and a diamond to come.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

MUNDUNGUS
a. An evil spirit
b. A midden
c. Stinking tobacco

VELLICATE
a. To wish mildly
b. To twitch
c. With scalloped edges

DASYPHYLLOUS
a. Having shaggy leaves
b. Loving daisies
c. Impervious to syphilis

REDHIBITION
a. Nullification
b. A second exhibition
c. Showing off

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Spectacular finishes

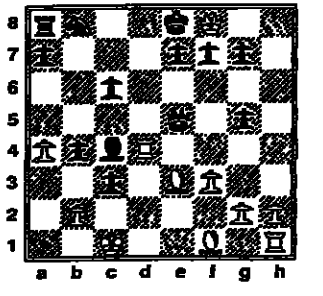
Here are two games with spectacular finishes from the British championship at Nottingham. In one, the black king falls victim to a sudden checkmate: in the other, the white king is hounded to its doom at the furthest extremity of the board.

White: Chris Ward
Black: Aaron Summerscale

Slav Defence

1	d4	d5
2	c4	c6
3	Nc3	dxc4
4	e4	b5
5	a4	b4
6	Nb1	Ba6
7	Nf3	Nf6
8	e5	Nd5
9	Ng5	h6
10	Qh5	hxg5
11	Qxh8	Nf4
12	Be3	Qd5
13	f3	Ne6
14	Nd2	Nxd4
15	0-0-0	c3
16	Nc4	Bxc4
17	Rxd4	Qxe5
18	Qxf8+	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



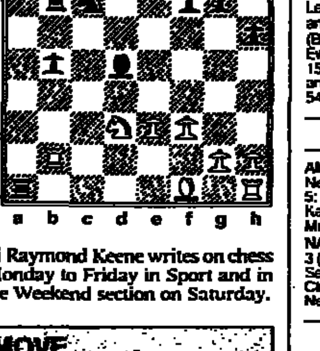
White: Graeme Buckley
Black: Jonathan Parker
British Championship, August 1996

Queen's Gambit Declined

1	d4	d5
2	c4	e6
3	Nc3	Nf6
4	Bg5	Be7
5	Nf3	0-0
6	e3	h6
7	Bh4	b6
8	Rb1	Ne4
9	Bxe7	Qxe7
10	cxd5	Nxc3
11	bxc3	exd5
12	c4	Be6
13	Qb3	Nc6
14	cxd5	Na5
15	Qb5	a6
16	Qb4	Qxb4+
17	Rxb4	Bxd5
18	Rb2	Rfc8
19	Kd2	b5
20	Ne5	Rd8
21	Kc3	Nb7
22	a4	c5
23	axb5	axb5
24	dxc5	Nxc5
25	Kb4	Na6+
26	Ka5	Nc7+
27	Kb4	Ra1
28	f3	Rc1
29	Nd3	Na6+
30	Ka5	Ra1+
31	Kb6	Rb8+
32	Ka7	Rb7+
33	Ka8	Nc7

checkmate

Diagram of final position



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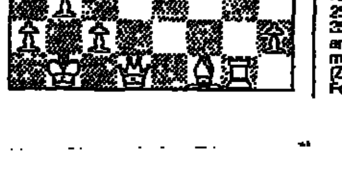
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Balinov — Cebalo, Graz 1996. In this position White won with a highly unusual tactical idea. Can you see it?



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FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

EXETER: British veterans championships (winners): Men: 200m: S Peters (Havant) 22 40sec. 800m: D Anderson (Manx) 1min 57 51sec. 10,000m: M Girvan (Warrington) 31min 36 08sec. 3,000m steeplechase: D Carrington (Sale) 9min 58 92sec. 110m hurdles: R Honey (Ilford) 15 8sec. High jump: R Smith (Newham and Essex Beagles) 1 70m. Triple jump: G Gallagher (GEC Avionics) 13.05m. Shot: M Fenton (Newham and Essex Beagles) 14.0m. Javelin: D Abernethy (Barrow-in-Furness) 53 86m. 5km walk: R Care (Birchfield) 22min 41.9sec. Women: 200m: C Eveleigh (Exeter) 26.04sec. 800m: A Turrington (Cambridge and Coleridge) 2min 19.51sec. 10,000m: Z Marchant (City of Bath) 36min 30 30sec. 100m hurdles: J Brown (Ashford) 16 40sec. High jump: Brown 1 66m. Discus: C Cameron (City of Glasgow) 40 28m. Javelin: A Hourihan (Cardiff) 32.84m. 5km walk: A Lewis (Aldershot, Farnham and District) 27·02.29 (British record). Over-40: Discus: J Wright (Bracknell) 41.14m. Over-45: 200m: V Bonner (Aldershot and Farnham) 26.47sec (British record). Over-60: 80m hurdles: C Graham (Woking) 16 69sec (British record). Over-65: 200m: J Ogden (Thurrock) 31 75sec (British record). Over-70: 200m: M Shone (Altrincham) 33 19sec (world record).

OORDDEGEM, Belgium: Representative match: South of England v Belgium (winners and British): Men: 100m: E Wymeersch (Bel) 10.32sec; 2, J Goldin (Blackheath) 10.38. 400m: D McKenzie (Shaftesbury Barnet) 46 67. 800m: N Kahan (Bel) 1min 49.88sec; 5, E Williams (Thames Valley) 1:50 88. 1,500m: C Impens (Bel) 3:47.57, 3, S Margiotta (GEC Avionics) 3:50.10. 5,000m: G van Gayle (Bel) 13:53.89; 10, I Hamilton (Invicta East Kent) 14:05.91. Pole vault: R Bloms (Bel) 5.20m; 3, K Hughes (Haringey) 5.20. Long jump: H Branle (Bel) 7 48m, 12, S Faulkner (Birchfield) 5 62. Shot: W Blondeel (Belgium) 16 72m, 3, D Callaway (Haringey) 16.13. Discus: J van Daele (Bel) 55.92; 4, N Thompson (Shaftesbury Barnet) 51.06. Women: 100m: K Gevaert (Bel) 11.71sec; 2, B Kinch (Hounslow) 11.71. 400m: B Mascolo (Bel) 55.61, 2, S Leigh (Stevenage and North Herts) 55 77. 800m: A Matthys (Bel) 2min 3.86sec, 3, A Davies (Basingstoke and Mid Hants) 2·06.92. 1,500m: A Smoulders (Bel) 4:21.62; 11, M Wannell (Exeter) 4:37 77. 400m hurdles: A Mercken (Bel) 57.71; 5, C Amede (Windsor, Slough and Eton) 61 76. High jump: S de Leeuw (Bel) 1 80m; 2, J Bennett (Epsom and Ewell) 1.80. Triple jump: S Swennen (Bel) 12.35m; 7, E Ghojefa (Epsom and Ewell) 11.28. Shot: G Meulemeester (Bel) 15.61m, 6, C Johnson (Windsor, Slough and Eton) 13.38. Discus: V Blondeel (Bel) 54 74m; 2, S Drew (Sutton) 53 92.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Texas 6 Toronto 0; New York 12 Detroit 0; Chicago 8 Baltimore 5; Boston 2 Milwaukee 0; California 6 Kansas City 5; Oakland 9 Cleveland 3, Minnesota 6 Seattle 3

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal 4 Chicago 3 (in 10 innings); Houston 10 Philadelphia 5, San Diego 7 Pittsburgh 5; Los Angeles 10 Cincinnati 5, St Louis 5 San Francisco 3; New York 5 Florida 3; Atlanta 4 Colorado 1

BOWLS

LEAMINGTON SPA: Women's world outdoor championships: Singles: Fourth round: Group two: V Stead (Jer) bt C Anderson (Norfolk Island) 25-15; R Jones (Wales) bt L James (Swaz) 25-20; J Peacock (SA) bt A Simon (Guer) 25-12, M Porter (W Samoa) bt R Pereira (Singa) 25-19; A Nivala (Can) bt A Chau (HK) 25-17; D Ivos (Sp) bt N Yoshimoto (Japan) 25-8; W Fong (Aus) bt L K Okuk (PNG) 25-13. Group four: J Howat (NZ) bt M Swerdlow (Isr) 25-22; J Lindores (Scot) bt J Joubert (Nam) 25-14; W Line (Eng) bt M Like (Zam) 25-22; B Anderson (Botswana) bt M Taylor (Holl) 25-16. L Tikoisuva (Fiji) bt M Burns (Ken) 25-22; D Panami (Cook Islands) bt R Banares (US) 25-20; M Vasquez (Arg) bt N Ismail (Malaysia) 25-24; C Howard Williams (Zim) bt M Johnston (Ire) 25-24. Fours: Fourth round: Group one: England (N Shaw, J Baker, G Fitzgerald and M Price) bt Ireland (P Mackle, C O'Gorman, H Taylor and F Nolan) 18-13. Zambia bt Malaysia 25-13, South Africa bt Hong Kong 27-15. Swaziland bt Holland 36-11; United States bt Kenya 28-14, Botswana bt Cook Islands 28-25, Israel bt Scotland (M Leatham, J Forrest, B Forsyth and S Gourlay) 17-13. Group two: Papua New Guinea bt Namibia 17-15, Australia bt Guernsey (J Simon, J Martel, S Paul and J Nicolle) 21-8; Jersey (S Noel, K Horman, J Jones and S Syvret) bt Wales (A Sutherland, A Damton, J Wason and B Morgan) 22-5; W Samoa bt Argentina 28-20; Spain bt India 38-14; Fiji bt Japan 29-17, New Zealand bt Canada 21-18.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): Dunstable: Bedfordshire 237-2 (W Larkins 101no, G P Swann 86). Cumberland 92-7. Hertford: Hertfordshire 243-4 (I Fletcher 131), Lincolnshire 43-2. St Fagans: Dorset 192-9 (R J Scott 55) v Wales. Cowley: Oxfordshire 13-2 v Herefordshire.

CYCLING

TIME TRIALS: Cleveleys RC (Garstang, Lancashire, 100 miles): 1, C Miller (Cleveleys RC) 3hr 54 38sec; 2, G Nowland (Team Rapido) 4·02·47; 3, P Leigh (Kent Valley RC) 4·10 17. Team: Kent Valley RC 12:57 43. Yorkshire CF (Sinderby, North Yorkshire, 30m): 1, H Walker (GS Metro) 57·36 (British record), 2, L Holmes (Morley CC) 1·00 53, 3, B Walker (GS Metro) 1 01 11. Team: GS Metro 3:03:09 (British record). Rhyl CC (Abergele, 25m): 1, P Whittall (VC Halton) 53.16, 2, C Leslie (Birkenhead CC) 55·27; 3, R Booth (Chester RC) 56.54. Team: Chester RC 2 54 59. 29th Wheelers (Pease Pottage, 25m): 1, C Smith (Old Portlians CC) 53:23, 2, P Hamilton (34 Nomads) 56 03; 3, P Fox (Gatwick Airport CT) 56·55. Team: Lewes Wanderers 2:58 43.

ROAD RACES: Charles Rice Trophy (Kingston on Soar, Nottinghamshire, 130km): 1, P Wilkes (Bradgate RC) 3·02·50; 2, M Lovatt (Optimum Performance RT) same time; 3, S Gamble (Ashfield RC) at 52sec. Mike Binks Memorial (Nowby, North Yorkshire, 89m): 1, P Curran (Optimum Performance RT) 3:17.25, 2, C Newton (North Wirral Velo) at 1-10, 3, D Cook (Middridge CRT) same time. Maltby CC (Thurcroft, South Yorkshire, 63m): 1, D Morales (Featherstone RC) 2·17·04; 2, A Chapman (Featherstone RC) at 29sec; 3, G Proud (Featherstone RC) at 36sec.

EQUESTRIANISM

IRELAND: Dublin Horse show: Kerrygold International: 1, FAN Schalkhoar (E Macken, Ire) clear 40 90sec; 2, Tees Hanauer (R Smith, GB) clear 40.96; 3, La Ina (P Charles, Ire) four faults 39.96.

FOOTBALL

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Harelbeke 2 Ekeren 3; Lierse 2 FC Brugge 2; Genk 3 Standard Liege 1; Mouscron 2 Lokeren 1; Anderlecht 6 Lommel 0; Cercle Brugge 1 Alost 2; Antwerp 3 Mechelen 2; Gent 3 Charleroi 1; Saint-Trond 0 RWD Molenbeek 2.

GERMAN CUP: First round: Werder Bremen 1 Bayer Leverkusen 1 (aet; Bremen won 5-3 on pens)

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Independiente 1 Platense 1; Gimnasia La Plata 6 Racing 0; Arg Juniors 1 Rosario Central 6; Boca 1 Estudiantes 2; Lanus 1 Gimnasia Jujuy 1; Colon 1 River 0; Belgrano 1 Velez 2; Newell's 0 Deportivo Español 0; Ferro 2 Huracan 1

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Atletico Mineiro 1 Corinthians 0; Bahia 0 Palmeiras 0; Coritiba 2 Juventude 0; Criciuma 1 Vitoria 1; Fluminense 1 Bragantino 0; Goias 3 Atletico Paranaense 1, Sport Recife 0 Parana 1

GOLF

CANTON, Massachusetts: LPGA Ping Welch's championship: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 273: E Klein 71, 69, 68, 65. 275: K Webb (Aus) 65, 73, 68, 69. 276: M Mallon 72, 68, 69, 67. 277: G Graham (Can) 69, 70, 70, 68. 278: D Ammaccapane 68, 71, 71, 68. 279: L Neumann (Swe) 72, 67, 70, 70. 280: B Whitehead 71, 70, 70, 69. 281: P Bradley 70, 72, 73, 66; R Jones 69, 72, 71, 69; L Kane 70, 70, 70, 71. 286: S Maynor (GB) 73, 74, 70, 69. 289: B Bunkowsky Scherbak (Can) 73, 74, 74, 69, J Lidback (Peru) 72, 73, 71, 73, S Little (SA) 74, 69, 73, 73; S Croce (It) 72, 74, 69, 74. 290: C Hj Koch (Swe) 72, 71, 73, 74.

ADA, Michigan: First of America Classic: Leading final scores (US unless stated). 206: Dave Stockton 68, 69, 69. 207: B Murphy 73, 66, 68. 208: T Wargo 67, 74, 67, J Powell 69, 68, 71. 209: F Conner 74, 66, 69; B Stroble 68, 65, 76. Other scores: S Hobday (SA) 71, 72, 70. 217: A Jacklin (GB) 75, 68, 74. 218: D Graham (Aus) 71, 74, 73. 221: J Jacobs (GB) 73, 75, 73

LITTLESTONE: British boys championship: First round: A Rayner (Dartmouth) bt D Desmond (China Fleet) 4 and 3; A Smith (Enville) bt M Hilton (East Sussex National) 4 and 3; S Young (Seascale) bt R Vera (Spain) 2 and 1; S Bennett (Mentmore) bt A Hultman (Sweden) 3 and 2; R Quiros (Spain) bt G Hastie (Dunscar) 2 and 1; C Craig (Dunbar) bt M Hopkins (West Kent) at 20th; N Connell (West Herts) bt J Elson (West Sussex) 3 and 2; O Cole (Henbury) bt S Walker (Maxstone Park) 7 and 5; I Parnaby (Durham City) bt O Pughe (Oswestry) 2 and 1; A Wilde (Wentworth) bt A Frayne (St Mellion) one hole; D Sugrue (Killarney) bt G White (Glossop) 3 and 2; J Hughes (Cardross) bt J Lovett (Ferndown) 3 and 2; P Bradshaw (Gainsbrough) bt G Birch (Germany) one hole; C Klassen (Sweden) bt M Buckley (Ilkley) 4 and 3; P Rowe (West Cornwall) bt P Messeri-Biagg (Windlesham) 4 and 3; S Dunn (UAE) bt J Backstrom (Sweden) 8 and 7; A MacPhail (Ratho Park) bt G Evans (North Middlesex) 3 and 2, D Foster (Bridport) bt B Silver (Newmachar) 4 and 2; L Orchard (Broadstone) bt T Duck (Northants County) 4 and 3; S Grewal (Heswall) bt D Mackinnon (Fleetwood) at 19th.

MOTOR RACING

LEXINGTON, Ohio: Miller 200 IndyCar race: 1, A Zanardi (It, Reynard) 1hr 46min 49sec (av speed 104 358mph); 2, J Vasser (US, Reynard) at 1.914sec; 3, M Andretti (US, Lola); 4, B Herta (US, Reynard); 5, B Rahal (US, Reynard), 6, A Fernandez (Mexo, Lola) all same lap. Championship positions: Drivers: 1, Vasser 128pts; 2, A Unser Jr (US) 111; 3, Zanardi 94; 4, C Fittipaldi (Br) 93; 5, G de Ferran (Br) 92; 6, Andretti 87.

REAL TENNIS

HOBART, Tasmania: Australian Open (Australia unless stated): Men: Doubles: Quarter-finals: M Gooding (GB) and F Filippelli bt B MacFarlane and M Happell 6-2, 6-0, 6-0; J Snow (GB) and N Wood (GB) bt A Mickelburough and S Virgona 6-0, 6-0, 6-2. Semi-final: R Fahey and P Meares bt G Hyland and B Dale 6-4, 6-3, 6-1. Women: Singles: Semi-final: J Edwards bt B Baker 6-3, 3-6, 6-5. Doubles: First round: K Loeming (GB) and J Edwards bt K Toates and H Barwick 6-1, 6-0.

RIFLE SHOOTING

BISLEY: National smallbore championships: Free Rifle Cup (3 x 40): 1, I Potts (Ham and Petersham) 1,114pts; 2, E Seller (Edinburgh Univ Alumni) 1,111; 3, Miss R Unkrishnan (India) 1,110. Stockholm Shield (Club Teams of three): 1, East Antrim 3,310; 2, E U Alumni 3,291; 3, City of Birmingham 3,265. County Teams of four: 1, Ulster Counties East 4,364; 2, Lothian 4,360; 3, Hampshire 4,208. Home Countries three-positions international: 1, Scotland 3,312; 2, England 3,285; 3, Northern Ireland 3,266; 4, Wales 3,107. Queen Alexandra Cup (county teams of six): 1, Surrey 2,347; 2, Buckinghamshire 2,341; 3 Bedfordshire 2,335. W H Darby Cup (3 x 20): Class A: 1, K Morion (Switz) 570 (count-back 193), 2, Potts 570 (count-back 192); 3 J Milne (City of Birmingham) 569. Class B: 1, J Nicholl (Marlow) 557; 2, J Marlow (E U Alumni) 547; 3, R Spicer (City of Birmingham) 547. Class C: 1, T Garey (Basingstoke) 530; 2, A Roberts (Appleton) 528, 3, J Thomson (Appleton) 528. Class D: 1, B Austen (Tunbridge Wells) 534; 2, J Kalinowski (Swindon) 514; 3, R Ronnie (Vauxhall Motors) 512.

RUGBY LEAGUE

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERSHIP: Parramatta 18 Newcastle 16.

SPEEDWAY

CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Buxton 58 Ryde 20; Mildenhall 41 Berwick 37.

TENNIS

MASON, Ohio: Men's tournament: Final: A Agassi (US) bt M Chang (US) 7-6, 6-4

MONTREAL: Women's tournament: Final: M Seles (US) bt A Sánchez Vicario (US) 6-1, 7-6.

SAN MARINO: Men's tournament: Final: A Costa (Sp) bt F Mantilla (Sp) 7-6, 6-3.

SAILING

LOOE, Cornwall: Enterprise world championship: First race: 1, I Pinnell; 2, G Carvoth; 3, M Holmes. Second race: 1, I Pinnell; 2, J Lea; 3, I Fisher.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday August 17

Coupon No, fixture, forecast

Fixture	Forecast
FA PREMIERSHIP	
1 Arsenal v West Ham	1
2 Blackburn v Tottenham	X
3 Coventry v Nott'm F	1
4 Derby v Leeds	X
5 Everton v Newcastle	1
6 Middlesbro v Liverpool	2
7 Sheff Wed v A Villa	X
8 Sunderland v Leicester	1
9 Wimbledon v Man Utd	2
FIRST DIVISION	
10 Bradford v Portsm'th	1
11 Grimsby v Wolves	2
12 Hudd'field v Charlton	1
13 Norwich v Swindon	1
14 Oldham v Stoke	1
15 Port Vale v Bolton	X
16 QPR v Oxford	1
17 Reading v Sheff U	2
18 Southend v Tranmere	2
19 West Brom v Barnsley	1
SECOND DIVISION	
20 Blackpool v Chest'f'd	1
21 Bourn'm'th v Watford	2
22 Bristol R v Peterboro	1
23 Bury v Brentford	X
24 Crewe v Stockport	1
25 Gillingham v Bristol C	X
26 Luton v Burnley	2
27 Millwall v Wrexham	1
28 Notts Co v Preston	2
29 Plymouth v York	X
30 Walsall v Rotherham	1
THIRD DIVISION	
31 Brighton v Chester	1
32 Cambridge v Barnet	2
33 Colchester v Hartlep'l	1
34 Doncaster v Carlisle	2
35 Fulham v Hereford	1
36 Hull v Darlington	1
37 Leyton O v Scunth'pe	1
38 Mansfield v Exeter	2
39 Scarboro v Cardiff	1
SCOTTISH PREMIER	
40 Celtic v Raith	1
41 Dundee U v Hibernian	X
42 Dunf'mline v Rangers	2
43 Hearts v Kilmarnock	X
44 Moth'well v Aberdeen	2
SCOTTISH FIRST	
45 E Fife v St Mirren	X
46 G Morton v Clydeb'k	1
47 Partick v Dundee	1
48 St Johnst'ne v Falkirk	1
49 Stirling v Airdrie	1

DRAWS (home teams): Blackburn, Derby, Sheffield Wednesday, Port Vale, Bury, Gillingham, Plymouth, Dundee United, Hearts, East Fife

BEST DRAWS: Blackburn, Derby, Port Vale, Bury, Gillingham

AWAYS: Manchester United, Wolves, Tranmere, Watford, Carlisle

HOMES: Sunderland, Huddersfield, West Brom, Millwall, Walsall, Brighton, Colchester, Fulham, Hull, Greenock Morton

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Huddersfield, Millwall, Walsall, Colchester, Hull. Aways: Manchester United, Tranmere, Watford. Draws: Blackburn, Derby, Bury

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RACING: LEADING JOCKEY RETURNS IN TRIUMPH SIX MONTHS AFTER HORRIFIC FALL IN HONG KONG

Swinburn makes perfect comeback

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

SIX months and a day after suffering a life-threatening fall in Hong Kong, Walter Swinburn rose at dawn yesterday, went for a long walk and offered up a prayer as he prepared for his long-awaited comeback ride. "I just asked God to make sure the day went good, and if he thought I was worthy of it, to give me a winner. Otherwise, if not, so be it."

Shortly after 3.30pm, the prayers of the three times Derby-winning jockey were answered. Talathath may not be a Shergar or Lammtarra, but, for the 35-year-old jockey, the four-year-old gelding, trained by Chris Dwyer, will always have a special place in his affections after carrying him to an emotional victory in the Royal Bank of Scotland Handicap at Windsor.

Having recovered from seven crushed ribs, a smashed collar-bone, a fractured shoulder blade and badly damaged lungs, before facing an uphill battle to regain his riders' licence, the success was, in some ways, immaterial. "The biggest thrill actually was riding and coming in and seeing the boys in the weighing room. Frankie [Dettori] drove me mad before the race!"

Looking tense as he emerged from the weighing room before his first ride in Britain for more than 300 days, Swinburn was applauded politely by a crowd swelled by several hundred people who had made the journey to the Thames-side track to see one of Britain's most gifted jockeys. When the stalls opened, Swinburn soon had Talathath in a prominent position behind the Dettori-ridden Cape Pigeon, before hitting the front near the furlong pole and holding on by a 1½ lengths from Tomal.

"Great, brilliant. My wind is good, but my legs got a bit tired. All in all I was just well pleased with my level of fitness. I am blowing a bit and my legs went, but I thought it would be worse."

"What today has shown is that I am lost without racing, so I need racing an awful lot.

"The day I started in racing, 'Frenchie' Nicholson told me there would be more bad days than good days and he said if I could take the bad days, it would make the good ones even better. This is living proof of it."

Despite coming so close to losing a career that he loves, Swinburn has not thought much about the accident and when he watched a re-run of the horrific fall at Sha Tin racecourse on television yesterday morning it was only the second time he had seen it. However, he clearly still feels some anger at the way he was kept in the dark over when he would be allowed to race-ride again.

"I really believed I was going to be back in the saddle six or seven weeks ago. I have been trying to get myself fit since the middle of May, but every time I set myself a goal I had the goalposts moved and I was not given any reason for it, which was extremely disheartening."

Specialists from Hong Kong and Britain — who rang Swinburn at the weekend wishing him luck — gave the jockey the all-clear back in May, but he could not find out why his application for a riding licence was being blocked. Eventually he was informed insurance regulations meant he had to wait six months due to the severity of his injuries.

"My argument is not with the Jockey Club. They have been very supportive. I just hope Dr [Michael] Turner [chief medical adviser to the Jockey Club] has learnt something from this."

While Swinburn was the inevitable centre of television and media interest, Willie Carson also made a successful return from the injury which has kept him off the racetrack for 17 days since bruising his back and arms at Newmarket. The pillar-to-post victory on Ikdam, the evens favourite, in the Copenhagen Conditions Stakes, was his first this season for Dick Hern.

☐ Sir Piers Bengough, a trustee of Ascot racecourse for 25 years and Her Majesty's representative for 15 years, is to retire in autumn, 1997, Buckingham Palace announced yesterday. Lord Hartington, the recently retired chairman of the British Horseracing Board and an Ascot trustee himself since 1987, will succeed Sir Piers as Her Majesty's representative.

JULIAN HERBERT

Swinburn, riding Talathath, returns victorious on his comeback from serious injury at Windsor yesterday

BATH

THUNDERER

2.00 Morocco
2.30 Sharp Shuffle
3.00 Blues Queen
3.30 Bold Classic
4.00 Midnight Spell
4.30 **MAID BY THE FIRE** (nap)
5.00 Taufan Boy

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.30 BLAZING CASTLE.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 Florentine Diamond. 5.00 Platinum Plus.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST
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2.00 AUGUST SELLING STAKES
(£2,472: 1m 5yd) (15 runners)

101	(13)	00-0000	GREY CHARMER 10 (F,G,S) (R Read) R Buckler 7-9-3	J Reid	72
102	(6)	0-00004	KETABI 3 (G) (B Whitney) R Akehurst 5-9-3	T Quinn	–
103	(3)	6-01500	MOROCCO 56 (CD,F,S) (M Myers) M Channon 7-9-3	R Hughes	86
104	(12)	506060	ROCKY TWO 19 (B,G) (Mrs E Mitchell) N Mitchell 5-9-3	Sophie Mitchell (5)	66
105	(10)	60000-0	CHRISTIAN WARRIOR 4 (Miss P Kissock-Smith) R Peacock 7-8-12	K Fallon	–
106	(5)	50-0005	GALLOPING GUNS 8J (P Harrington) B Llewellyn 4-8-12	J Bramhill (7)	–
107	(7)	00-5620	SHANGHAI LIL 6 (G) (G & Dragon Racing) M F-Godley 4-8-12	W J O'Connor	77
108	(2)	0-00060	SOBELOVED 9 (B) (M Lawrance) N Berry 4-8-12	A Mackay	67
109	*(1)*		*ANDY COIN 458J (B Moseley) W Brisbourne 5-8-7*	*A Garth*	–
110	(8)	000060	CEDAR DANCER 29 (R Hodges) R Hodges 4-8-7	Amanda Sanders (5)	75
111	(15)	060002	FOLLOWTHE ALLSTARS 7 (B) (T Naughton) T Naughton 3-8-7	S Sanders	93
112	(11)	5500-00	NORTHERN SAGA 31 (C Drewe) C Drewe 3-8-7	J Quinn	–
113	(14)	005010	CHARLTON IMP 10 (D,F) (R Hodges) R Hodges 3-8-5	S Drowne	93
114	(4)	0650	FIRST LAW 13 (R Tooth) Miss G Kelleway 3-8-2	G Bardwell	[illegible]
115	(9)	6000	LADY MAGNUM 12 (Magnum Construction) J Neville 3-8-2	N Varley (3)	98

BETTING: 3-1 Morocco, 7-2 Followthe Allstars, 4-1 First Law, 5-1 Ketabi, 6-1 Charlton Imp, 12-1 Lady Magnum, Shanghai Lil, 14-1 others

1995: TRAGIC HERO 3-8-5 R Cochrane (15-8 fav) I Balding 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

KETABI 5½l 4th of 10 to Our Eddie in selling handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f). MOROCCO 2½l 2nd of 10 to Tragic Hero in this race last year (10 ran, hard) with CHRISTIAN WARRIOR 14½l 10th. SHANGHAI LIL ¾l 2nd of 13 to Mister Rm in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 100yd) on penultimate start. CEDAR DANCER about 5l 6th of 24 to Dahiyah in selling handicap at Goodwood (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. FOLLOWTHE ALLSTARS neck 2nd of 7 to Mario Franchise in a claimer at Brighton (1m, firm). CHARLTON IMP beat On The Wildside 1l in 8-runner seller at Chepstow (1m, good to firm). FIRST LAW about 6l 5th of 12 to Shadow Casting in maiden at Chepstow (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: FOLLOWTHE ALLSTARS

2.30 MILE MAIDEN HANDICAP (£2,898: 1m 5yd) (18 runners)

201	(11)	52-0322	SHARP SHUFFLE 13 (BF) (Mrs H Prendergast) R Hannon 3-10-0	Dane O'Neill (3)	96
202	(3)	400	MELOMANIA 39 (R Lorenz) T Naughton 4-9-12	G Carter	93
203	(14)	0003	GOOSEBERRY PIE 15 (BF) (Mrs A Brudenell) R Charlton 3-9-11	T Sprake	92
204	(13)	60-0050	CA'D'ORO 12 (Miss B Swire) G Balding 3-9-5	S Drowne	90
205	(4)	400-400	OSCAR ROSE 18 (S Sharp) Lord Huntingdon 3-9-1	D Harrison	89
206	(2)	240260	BATH KNIGHT 32 (P De Weck) D ffrench Davis 3-8-13	T Quinn	90
207	(18)	0-00065	SHARP HOLLY 8 (B) (Miss J Blackwell) J Bennett 4-8-11	Sophie Mitchell (5)	90
208	(17)	400600	FASTINI GOLD 10 (M Hopkins) M Usher 4-8-10	A Clark	98
209	(12)	0000-	JILLY BEVELED 292 (W Kelly) P Webber 4-8-10	R Perham	88
210	(8)	640456	RICHARD HOUSE LAD 5 (D Morrall) R Hollinshead 3-8-7	F Lynch (3)	[illegible]
211	*(16)*	*4050-*	*IMPENDING DANGER 351 (Dafagh Construction) K Bridgwater 3-8-6*	*K Fallon*	*87*
212	(1)	035443	LITTLE KENNY 10 (V) (P F-Godley) M Fetherston-Godley 3-8-6	R Ffrench (7)	96
213	(15)	50000-0	CELESTIAL DOLLAR 19 (M Delahooke) O O'Neill 5-8-6	V Slattery	90
214	(9)	00600	INDIAN WOLF 10 (Mrs T Dovchand) B Llewellyn 3-8-3	J Bramhill (7)	89
215	(7)	006405	SHERMOOD 19 (K Saunders) K Ivory 3-8-2	Martin Dwyer (5)	95
216	(10)	0600-0	SIBERIAN MYSTIC 112 (Merry Men) P Murphy 3-8-0	N Varley (3)	94
217	(6)	454408-	FIDDLES DELIGHT 354 (F Rowland) M Channon 3-7-12	C Rutter	88
218	(5)	00-0650	FORLIANDO 59 (N & M Pike) M Saunders 3-7-11	J F Egan	90

BETTING: 4-1 Sharp Shuffle, 7-1 Little Kenny, 8-1 Gooseberry Pie, Ca'd'oro, Richard House Lad, 10-1 Sharp Holly, 12-1 others.

1995: SHADY DEED 3-9-8 M Henry (4-1) J Hills 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

SHARP SHUFFLE ½l 2nd of 7 to Budby in maiden handicap at Epsom (1m 114yd, good). GOOSEBERRY PIE head and 3½l 3rd of 6 to Salmis in *handicap at Nottingham (1m, good to firm)*. CA'D'ORO about 3l 5th of 15 to Gentle Irony in handicap at Salisbury (7f, good) on penultimate start. RICHARD HOUSE LAD 4½l 5th of 20 to How Could-I in handicap at Nottingham (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. LITTLE KENNY 3½l 3rd of 18 to Queen Of Shannon in apprentice selling *handicap at Windsor (1m 67yd, good to firm)*. SHERMOOD 5l 5th of 13 to Shontaine in apprentice selling handicap at Catterick (7f, good to firm)
Selection: SHARP SHUFFLE (nap)

3.00 MENDIP MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,448: 5f 11yd) (11 runners)

301	*(4)*	*34*	*BLUES QUEEN 18 (BF) (Morgan Ltd) M Channon 8-11*	*R Hughes*	*93*
302	(1)	23	BOLD TINA 27 (Mrs C Harrington) R Hannon 8-11	Dane O'Neill (3)	[illegible]
303	(6)	04	CALAMANDER 41 (P Blacker) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	83
304	(9)	3	DANCETHENIGHTAWAY 20 (G Bosley) B Meehan 8-11	B Doyle	66
305	*(5)*	*5*	*FLORENTINE DIAMOND 8 (BF) (F Salman) M Prescott 8-11*	*G Duffield*	–
306	(2)		FULLY BOOKED (G Noble) J Hills 8-11	M Henry (3)	–
307	(11)	0	MUSCATANA 36 (K Al-Said) B Hills 8-11	Pat Eddery	76
308	(7)	4035	ONEKNIGHT WITH YOU 12 (D Clee) M Fetherston-Godley 8-11	J Reid	94
309	(8)	0	SALLY GREEN 34 (K Stenborg) C Wall 8-11	W Woods	–
310	(3)	0	SARABI 15 (Z Baladari) J Pearce 8-11	G Bardwell	–
311	(10)	0	SEA MIST 127 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11	R Havlin (5)	–

BETTING: 3-1 Bold Tina, 4-1 Blues Queen, 5-1 Muscatana, 6-1 Oneknight With You, 7-1 Florentine Diamond, 8-1 Calamander, 10-1 others

1995: COMIC FANTASY 8-11 J Reid (6-4 fav) P Chapple-Hyam 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLUES QUEEN about 1¾l 4th of 9 to Cherokee Flight in maiden at Nottingham (5f, good to firm). BOLD TINA 3l 3rd of 4 to Seeba in maiden at Sandown (5f, good to firm). DANCETHENIGHTAWAY 3¾l 3rd of 5 to Bramble Bear in maiden over course and distance (firm). *FULLY BOOKED (foaled Mar 11): Half-sister by Midyan to several winners: dam runner-up in Oaks.* ONEKNIGHT WITH YOU short-head and neck 3rd of 11 to Silver Purse in maiden here (5f 161yd, good to firm)
Selection: BOLD TINA

3.30 BBC RADIO BRISTOL HANDICAP (£3,508: 2m 1f 34yd) (4 runners)

401	(4)	45-0421	BOLD CLASSIC 21 (F) (Mrs H Focke) J Dunlop 3-9-10	Pat Eddery	91
402	(1)	112043	HILL FARM DANCER 9 (C,F,G) W Brisbourne 5-8-9	Martin Dwyer (5)	90
403	(2)	000050	AUDE LA BELLE 18 (F,G) (Mrs V Rapkins) S Knight 8-8-4	F Norton	[illegible]
404	*(3)*	*4080-04*	*CHUCKLESTONE 20 (CD,F,G) (Mrs P King) J King 13-7-10*	*J Quinn*	*89*

BETTING: 5-4 Bold Classic, 9-4 Hill Farm Dancer, 4-1 Aude La Belle, 9-2 Chucklestone

1995: ARC BRIGHT 5-7-13 M Henry (3-1) R Hollinshead 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOLD CLASSIC beat Classic Colleen ¾l in 7-runner maiden handicap at Yarmouth (1m 6f, firm). HILL FARM DANCER about 3½l 4th of 13 to Paradise Waters in handicap here (1m 3f 144yd, good) on penultimate start. AUDE LA BELLE about 5l 5th of 13 to Great Oration in a handicap at Chester (2m, good to firm) on penultimate start. CHUCKLESTONE 3¾l 4th of 8 to Paradise Navy in handicap over course and distance (firm).
Selection: CHUCKLESTONE

4.00 LUCKINGTON LIMITED STAKES (£2,856: 5f 11yd) (8 runners)

501	(1)	213532	SILK COTTAGE 5 (V,D,BF,G) (C Cooke) R Whitaker 4-9-6	D McKeown	95
502	(2)	601103	WALK THE BEAT 6 (CD,F,G,S) (Country Life Partners) M Meade 6-9-6	T Quinn	96
503	(6)	000000	CALL ME I'M BLUE 12 (D,G,S) (Harsh Tipping Gears) N Tinkler 6-9-3	K Fallon	94
504	(5)	305-036	IMPOSING TIME 10 (B,D,F,G) (M Watt) Miss G Kelleway 5-9-3	J Reid	80
505	(7)	050214	MIDNIGHT SPELL 5 (D,F) (Wyck Hall Stud) J Hills 4-9-3	M Henry (3)	95
506	(4)	2030-00	MILLESIME 10 (CD,F) (Bonalt Assets) B Hanbury 4-9-3	M Rimmer	89
507	(3)	044412	MINDRACE 19 (CD,F) (D Abbott) K Ivory 3-9-3	Martin Dwyer (5)	[illegible]
508	*(8)*	*053300*	*RED TIME 12 (R Penny) M Saunders 3-9-0*	*J F Egan*	*91*

BETTING: 3-1 Mindrace, 7-2 Call Me I'm Blue, 4-1 Walk The Beat, 9-2 Imposing Time, Silk Cottage, 5-1 Midnight Spell, 8-1 others.

1995: FANTASY RACING 3-8-12 J Dennis (7-1) M Channon 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

SILK COTTAGE ¾l 2nd of 8 to Tropical Beach in apprentice jockeys' handicap at Hamilton (5f, good to firm). WALK THE BEAT short-head and 1¼l 3rd of 9 to Croeso Cynnes in handicap at Kempton (5f, good to firm). CALL ME I'M BLUE 9¾l 9th of 10 to Hatmaemmor in rated stakes at Doncaster (6f, good to firm). IMPOSING TIME 9¾l 6th of 10 to Gone Savage in handicap at Windsor (5f, good to firm) with MILLESIME (2lb better off) 10¾l 10th. MIDNIGHT SPELL beat Another Batchworth 1½l in 6-runner handicap at Brighton (5f 59yd, firm). MINDRACE 2½l 2nd of 7 to Clan Chief in handicap at Sandown (5f, good to firm). RED TIME short-head and 1¼l 3rd of 10 to Oriolan in claimer at Goodwood (6f, soft)
Selection: MIDNIGHT SPELL

4.30 NUNNEY NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £3,090: 5f 161yd) (10 runners)

601	(2)	210	MASERATI MONK 56 (D,G) (Three Bears Racing) B Meehan 9-7	J Reid	93
602	(6)	22522	MAID BY THE FIRE 29 (A Lloyd Webber) P Cole 9-2	Dane O'Neill (3)	92
603	(4)	1035	LAMORNA 18 (D,F) (W Ponsonby) M Channon 9-2	R Hughes	92
604	(9)	34102	BLAZING CASTLE 7 (F) (Mrs D Wetherall) W G M Turner 8-9	R Havlin (5)	[illegible]
605	(5)	0433	BOLD SPRING 38 (Mrs D Cock) R Hannon 8-8	Pat Eddery	86
606	(3)	21405	CASTLE HOUSE 68 (F) (Mrs J Mullally) J Akehurst 8-6	K Fallon	91
607	*(10)*	*012241*	*I CAN'T REMEMBER 9 (D,F,S) (P Graham Racing) P Evans 8-5*	*J F Egan*	*90*
608	(1)	354221	WHAT HAPPENED WAS 14 (F) (Bayls Livestock) M Meade 8-2	F Lynch (3)	93
609	(7)	634	ANOKATO 12 (K Ivory) K Ivory 7-11	Martin Dwyer (5)	89
610	(8)	260	CHILLING 22 (Miss A Amey) P Murphy 7-10	M Henry (3)	97

BETTING: 9-2 I Can't Remember, 5-1 Blazing Castle, 6-1 Lamorna, Maid By The Fire, 7-1 Bold Spring, What Happened Was, Maserati Monk, 8-1 others.

1995: ALBERT THE BEAR 8-7 J Carroll (9-4) J Berry 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

MAID BY THE FIRE 1¾l 2nd of 7 to Ocomental in nursery at Ayr (5f, good to firm). LAMORNA 2¼l *3rd of 6 to Stride in nursery at Chester (7f, good to firm)*. BLAZING CASTLE neck 2nd of 7 to Skyers Flyer in nursery at Brighton (5f 59yd, firm). BOLD SPRING 4l 3rd of 7 to Mr Bombastique in maiden at Chepstow (6f, good to firm). I CAN'T REMEMBER beat Fool Battalion 1¾l in 4-runner nursery at *Chester (6f, good to firm)*. WHAT HAPPENED WAS beat Snap Crackle Pop short-head in maiden at Beverley (5f, good to firm).
Selection: WHAT HAPPENED WAS

5.00 ROYAL CRESCENT HANDICAP (£3,644: 1m 3f 144yd) (8 runners)

1	*(5)*	*021112*	*PISTOL 11 (CD,F,G) (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 6-9-10*	*Paul Eddery*	*88*
2	(8)	6-00002	TAPPETO 44 (F) (Mrs D Blackburn) H Candy 4-9-7	C Rutter	90
3	(4)	53-0011	NEWPORT KNIGHT 15 (D,F,G) (J Thorburn-Muirhead) R Akehurst 5-9-7	T Quinn	98
4	(6)	0-36320	TAUFAN BOY 11 (G) (Supreme Team) P Harris 3-9-0	G Hind	[illegible]
5	*(2)*	*13111-0*	*PLATINUM PLUS 15 (Mrs C Rawson) C Dwyer 4-8-11*	*K Fallon*	–
6	(2)	4-5340	MUA-TAB 25 (H Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 3-8-8	W Carson	93
7	(7)	03005	LA PELLEGRINA 22 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-8	J Reid	90
8	(1)	244143	FABULOUS MTOTO 7 (D,F,G) (N Pike) M Saunders 6-8-6	J F Egan	97

BETTING: 11-4 Pistol, 100-30 Tappeto, 9-2 Newport Knight, 5-1 Taufan Boy, 11-2 La Pellegrina, 15-2 Fabulous Mtoto, 10-1 others

1995: ENDOWMENT 3-9-10 W Carson (15-8) W Hern 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

PISTOL ¾l 2nd to Sharpical in handicap at Ascot (1m 2f, good to firm). TAPPETO 1¼l 2nd of 10 to *Reaganesque in handicap at Chepstow (1m 4f, good to firm)*. NEWPORT KNIGHT beat Elly Fleetfoot head in handicap at Windsor (1m 3f 135yd, good) with FABULOUS MTOTO (4lb better off) 2½l 4th. TAUFAN BOY 1¾l 2nd of 10 to Game Ploy in handicap at Chester (1m 2f 75yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. PLATINUM PLUS, multiple winner in Czechoslovakia, 19l 8th of 12 to Cape Pigeon in claimer at Windsor (1m 67yd, good). MUA-TAB about 1l 4th of 6 to Overruled in handicap at Chepstow (1m 2f, good to firm)
Selection: FABULOUS MTOTO

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

2.15 Spanish Blaze. 2.45 The Country Trader. 3.15 Glenvally. 3.45 Longcroft. 4.15 Trade Wind. 4.45 Vain Prince.

GOING: GOOD
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2.15 CROMER NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,813: 3m 110yd) (7 runners)

1	P-03	GEORGE ASHFORD 10 (F) K Morgan 6-12-0	A S Smith	–
2	0-35	BLUE RAVEN 11 (BF,F) P Hobbs 5-11-12	A P McCoy	–
3	FF-P	THE GALLOPIN'MAJOR 31 Mrs M Reveley 6-11-7	N Smith	–
4	40-3	SAINT BENET 25 (V,F,G) G Prodromou 8-10-11	R Farrant	[illegible]
5	-0U5	SPANISH BLAZE 17 (BF) Mrs M Jones 8-10-8	J F Titley	–
6	*-PP0*	*QUIXALL CROSSETT 10 E Cahill 11-10-7*	*P McLoughlin*	–
7	6630-	ABITMORFUN 101 (F,S) J Bennett 10-10-0	L Harvey	–

7-4 Blue Raven, 3-1 George Ashford, 9-2 The Gallopin major, 6-1 others

2.45 SKEGNESS HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,883: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1	*24F-*	*THE COUNTRY TRADER 137 (B,D,F,G) P Hobbs 10-12-0*	A P McCoy	90
2	3122	NOBLELY 8 (C,BF,F,G,S) N Walker 9-11-10	R Farrant	[illegible]
3	1210	NOCATCHIM 17 (CD,F,G,S) K Morgan 7-11-4	A S Smith	93
4	4/F3	WAKE UP LUV 3 (D,F,G) K Wingrove 11-11-2	G Bradley	80
5	*5313*	*MAGGOTS GREEN 10 (D,F,S) J Bradley 9-10-1*	*R Johnson*	*95*

7-4 Noblely, 5-2 The Country Trader, 4-1 Nocatchim, 5-1 others.

3.15 YARMOUTH NOVICES HURDLE (£2,448: 2m) (4)

1	-031	IRIE MON 10 (F) M Bielby 4-11-2	Mr A Wintle (7)	[illegible]
2	00-S	SHALIK 4 J Jenkins 6-10-12	J Railton	–
3		CHADLEIGH WALK 406F S Campion 4-10-9	A S Smith	–
4	0/6-	GLENVALLY 38F B Murray 5-10-7	G Bradley	85

4-6 Irie Mon, 4-1 Chadleigh Walk, 5-1 Shalik, 7-1 Glenvally

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Bath: 2.00 Sobeloved. 4.00 Imposing Time. Southwell: 4.15 Laser Light Lady

3.45 SOUTHEND MAIDEN HURDLE
(£2,259: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1	/PU-	ARRANGE A GAME 222 Miss J Bower 9-11-5	T Dascombe (3)	–
2	54-3	DESERT CHALLENGER 23 (B) J Jenkins 6-11-5	A P McCoy	[illegible]
3	P/0-	PERTEMPS FLYER 242F C Mann 5-11-5	J Magee (3)	80
4	/00-	SKIPLAM WOOD 80 S Chadwick 10-11-0	A Dobbin	–
5		LONGCROFT 28F S Kettlewell 4-10-11	R Johnson	–

4-5 Desert Challenger, 7-2 Longcroft, 5-1 Pertemps Flyer, 6-1 others

4.15 BRIGHTON SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,842: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1	6-12	TRADE WIND 10 (V,C,F) J O'Shea 5-12-0	Michael Brennan (5)	[illegible]
2	-556	RAY RIVER 13 (D,F,G) K Wingrove 4-11-7	Mr A Wintle (7)	94
3	-424	WORDY'S WIND 17 L Wordingham 7-10-6	B Fenton	98
4	403/	ANTIGUAN FLYER 300F (C,G) G Prodromou 7-10-6	R Farrant	–
5	0005	LASER LIGHT LADY 23 (B) N Littmoden 4-10-0	B Powell	–

10-11 Trade Wind, 3-1 Ray River, 5-1 Wordy's Wind, 8-1 others.

4.45 BLACKPOOL HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,427: 2m) (6)

1	R0-4	VAIN PRINCE 17 (B,D,F,G,S) N Tinkler 9-12-0	M Dwyer	94
2	120-	RUDI'S PRIDE 73 (CD,F) S Bell 5-11-4	N Smith	91
3	050/	TIP IT IN 60F (CD,G,S) A Smith 7-10-11	M Brennan	–
4	P6-0	WORDSMITH 65 (D,G,S) J L Harris 6-10-11	D Gallagher	97
5	51-3	GAME DILEMMA 8 (G) J Mullins 5-10-0	R Greene	[illegible]
6	015/	CHEAP METAL 719 (B,F,G,S) C Smith 11-10-0	M Ranger	–

9-4 Game Dilemma, 11-4 Rudi's Pride, 3-1 Vain Prince, 6-1 Wordsmith, 7-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

SOUTHWELL: Trainers: Mrs M Reveley, 11 winners from 27 runners, 40.7%; J O'Shea, 10 from 30, 33.3%; K Morgan, 5 from 16, 31.3%; N Tinkler, 3 from 13, 23.1%; J Harris, 18 from 103, 17.5%; J Bradley, 4 from 31, 12.9%. Jockeys: B Fenton, 3 winners from 10 rides, 30.0%; A P McCoy, 10 from 38, 26.3%; R Farrant, 8 from 39, 20.5%; A Smith, 4 from 25, 16.0%; R Johnson, 3 from 21, 14.3%.

BATH: Trainers: B Hanbury, 5 winners from 7 runners, 71.4%; O O'Neill, 3 from 6, 50.0%; R Charlton, 15 from 37, 40.5%; Miss G Kelleway, 3 from 11, 27.3%; Lord Huntingdon, 8 from 30, 26.7%; K Ivory, 3 from 13, 23.1%. Jockeys: M Henry, 8 winners from 30 rides, 26.7%; Pat Eddery, 23 from 98, 23.5%; R Hughes, 12 from 65, 19.5%; J Reid, 20 from 110, 18.2%; Paul Eddery, 15 from 88, 17.0%.

Connections keep options open for Dushyantor

DUSHYANTOR, a disappointing fourth to Zagreb in the Irish Derby at the Curragh, will seek to redeem his tarnished reputation either at Newbury on Saturday or York a week today.

The Henry Cecil-trained colt, previously runner-up to Shaamit in the Derby at Epsom, is engaged in Newbury's Tripleprint Geoffrey Freer Stakes at the weekend. However, connections have the option of switching to the Great Voltigeur Stakes at York.

Grant Pritchard-Gordon, racing manager to the colt's owner, Khaled Abdulla, said: "He will run in one race or the other though it's not been decided yet which one."

The colt is likely to face a tough task should he take up the option of going to Newbury. A 17-strong entry for the group two contest includes the Gold Cup winner and King George runner-up, Classic Cliche.

Other notable entries include Posidonas, a game winner of the Princess of Wales's Stakes at Newmarket, Dushyantor's stablemate, Minds Music, and the Chester Vase winner, High Baroque.

Key To My Heart, trained at Middleham by Sally Hall, will be the sole northern challenger for the race. The six-year-old is running to test his staying powers with a view to a possible tilt at the Irish St Leger. "We'll make a decision on the Irish Leger after the Newbury race, but if it looks like he doesn't stay we'll go for the Doonside Cup at Ayr instead," Hall said.

The weekend highlight at Ripon, the £25,000-added William Hill Great St Wilfrid Handicap, is set to feature a clash between old adversaries Double Bounce and Bolshoi.

The pair, respectively second and fourth in the Stewards' Cup, are among 27 entries for the six-furlong contest. Double Blue, winner of the race 12 months ago, is also a possible starter.

Ladbrokes bet: 5-1 Double Bounce, 6-1 Double Splendour, 8-1 Bolshoi, Tiler, 10-1 Bollin Joanne, Perryston View, Samwar, 14-1 Highborn, Mr Bergerac, The Scythian, 16-1 Galine, Ziggy's Dancer, Sailormaite, 20-1 others.

Michael Kinane will be fit to return to action for the meeting at Deauville on Thursday. The Irish jockey will partner Sensation in the group one Prix Jacques le Marois after escaping relatively unscathed from a fall at Leopardstown on Sunday.

He suffered concussion and a bruised elbow when Munif was brought down in the EBF Handicap. Kinane had X-rays yesterday and his wife, Catherine, said: "They've shown that there is no damage. He is having some physiotherapy and will have a couple of days off, but he will be going to Deauville on Thursday."

The unbeaten Sensation, winner of the Falmouth Stakes at Newmarket on her last outing, was one of 12 acceptors yesterday for the one-mile showpiece. There is a three-strong British representation with the Godolphin-owned pair, Charnwood Forest and Heart Lake, being joined by the Mark Johnston-trained Gothenberg.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: BOLD CLASSIC
(3.30 Bath)
Next best: Walk The Beat
(4.00 Bath)

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright
suggests the best value in the ante-post market

TOTE EBOR HANDICAP
York, August 21

GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

	Coral	Hills	Ladbrokes	Tote
Harbour Dues	9-2	4-1	9-2	4-1
Beauchamp Jade	8-1	10-1	8-1	5-1
Celeric	12-1	10-1	12-1	11-1
Snow Princess	12-1	12-1	10-1	11-1
Private Song	12-1	16-1	16-1	12-1
Better Offer	12-1	16-1	12-1	14-1
Clerkenwell	14-1	12-1	16-1	14-1
Top Cees	12-1	14-1	12-1	16-1
Monarch	16-1	16-1	16-1	16-1
Foundry Lane	20-1	16-1	16-1	16-1
Ambassador	20-1	20-1	12-1	16-1
Nabhaan	16-1	16-1	16-1	20-1

The Tote Ebor Handicap provides the betting highlight at next week's three-day festival at York. With £100,000 in added prize-money, it is always fiercely competitive, and this season is no exception.

Harbour Dues has been installed favourite after his unlucky-in-running third to Samraan in the King George V Handicap at Royal Ascot. He shapes as though he will be suited by the slightly longer trip at York, and has scope for further improvement, but provides no value at 9-2 with so many other realistic contenders.

Beauchamp Jade was another unlucky loser at Royal Ascot, when fourth in the Bessborough Handicap. However, a 4lb penalty for her recent Leicester success may prove too much.

Celeric got the better of Snow Princess when they clashed in the Northumberland Plate, but the latter is likely to take her revenge on 7lb better terms for three-quarters of a length. However, the handicapper may now have taken their measure.

Private Song acted as pacemaker for Dushyantor in the Irish Derby, but is a smart performer in his own right, and would go well if staying the Ebor trip, while last year's third, Foundry Lane, remains too high in the weights. Top Cees, who disappointed at Chester last time, may be ideally suited by further.

Monarch showed progressive form last season, but disappointed on his reappearance at Haydock in May and has not run since. He has clearly had problems, but remains lightly raced and this well-bred colt is open to considerable improvement now that he steps up in distance. At 16-1, MONARCH represents a good each-way wager.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Windsor

Going: good

2.00 (1m 3f 135yd) 1, SHABANAZ (J Reid, 10-11 fav); 2, Courbaril (D O'Neill, 5-1); 3, Dormy Three (S Drowne, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Arcatura (4th), 16 Pal's Splendour (5th), 25 Bursul Lady (6th), 33 Freddie's Recall, Longano Bay. 8 ran. 3l, 2½l, 1½l, 8l, 22l. W Muir at Lambourn. *Tote: £1.80; £1.20, £1.40, £1.80. DF:* £2.70. CSF: £6.09. No bid

2.30 (5f 217yd) 1, CHARLTON SPRING (S Drowne, 16-1); 2, Perfect Bliss (R *Ffrench, 4-1 jt-fav)*; 3, Aegean Sound (Dane O'Neill, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt-fav Intiaa (5th), 5 Sherzetto (4th), 11 Bluebell Miss, 14 Wait For Rosie, 16 Hil Rhapsody, Preskidul, 20 Corncrake, 25 Sharazamataz, 33 Molly Music (6th). 12 ran. Nk, 1¼l, 7l, nk, 1l. R Hodges at Somerton. Tote: £17.60; £3.50, £1.70, £2.10. DF: £33.40. Trio: £86.80. CSF £71.91. Tricast: £402.68

3.00 (5f 217yd) 1, IKDAM (W Carson, Evens fav); 2, Caviar Royale (Pat Eddery, 5-2); 3, Stone Flower (J Reid, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Secret Combe (4th), 20 Bert (5th). 5 ran. 1¾l, 4l, hd, 15l. W Hern at Lambourn. Tote: £2.00; £1.30, £1.50. DF: £2.60. CSF: £3.99

3.30 (1m 67yd) 1, TALATHATH (W R Swinburn, 5-1 fav, Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Tomal (A McGlone, 12-1); 3, Cape Pigeon (L Dettori, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 7 Deevee, Our Shadee (6th), O Factor, 8 Just Harry, 9 Mr Rough, 10 Jaazim (5th), 12 Sea Spouse, 16 Proud Brigadier (4th), 25 Caddy's First, 33 Mr Hacker, 50 Classic Pet, *Sir* Oliver. 15 ran. 1½l, sh hd, 2½l, nk, 1l. C Dwyer at Newmarket. Tote: £5.70; £2.00, £5.00, £2.10. DF: £130.70. Trio: £273.20. CSF: £62.53. Tricast: £380.79

4.00 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, SHARP CONSUL (L James, 8-1); 2, Vola Via (Martin Dwyer, 5-1); 3, Princess Danielle (M Henry, 7-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Harvey White (4th), 6 Lolu, 7 Disallowed (6th), 8 Country Lover (5th), 16 Persian Conquest, 20 Far Dawn, Irish Kinsman, Noble Lord. 11 ran. Nk, ¾l, 1½l, sh hd, 7l. H Candy at Wantage. Tote: £9.30; £3.20, £2.10, £1.30. DF: £31.30. Trio: £41.60. CSF £46.77. Tricast: £150.83

4.30 (1m 3f 135yd) 1, FERN'S *GOVERNOR* (Mr T McCarthy, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Braydon Forest (Mr R Thornton, 16-1); 3, Spread The Word (Mr L Jefford, 4-1 *jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Artic Bay* (6th), 8 Grand Applause, Regal Eagle, Super Serenade (4th), 14 Global Dancer, 16 Manabar, 20 Golden Hadeer, 25 Red Viper, 33 Haydown (5th), Little Luke, Misty View. 14 ran. 3l, 1¾l, ½l, 2l, 2l. W Musson at Newmarket. Tote: £4.60; £1.70, £6.60, £1.70. DF: £96.30. Trio: £117.20. CSF £62.17. Tricast: £251.21

5.00 (1m 67yd) 1, YAMUNA (W Ryan, 8-1); 2, Grand Musica (Martin Dwyer, 4-1); 3, Don Bosio (W R Swinburn, 6-5 *fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Take Notice*, 9 Galb Alasad (6th), Melt The Clouds (4th), 25 Sulawesi (5th), 33 Nawaji, Samorelle, 50 Monte Felice, Sovereign Crest, 66 Bunty Bagshaw, Chesteine, Endaxi Sam, Jades Shadow, Thor's Phantom, 100 Press Again, Radical Exception. 18 ran. 2l, 7l, 2½l, 3l, 9l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £9.40; £2.30, £1.80, £1.10. DF: £17.70. Trio: £7.10. CSF £41.07

Jackpot: £22,984.90 (0.20 winning tickets; pool of £25,898.58 carried forward to Bath today).

Placepot: £25.50. Quadpot: £8.90.

Worcester

Going: good to soft

2.15 (3m) 1, RAMPANT ROSIE (G Cahill, 2-1); 2, Penlarth (B Fenton, 11-2); 3, Souter (Guy Lewis, 13-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Cromaboo Crown (4th). 4 ran. [illegible] G Richards at Greystoke. Tote [illegible] £4.40. CSF £10.24. No bid

2.45 (2m 7f) 1, STICKY MONEY [illegible] Burchell, 3-1); 3, Ghedi (B Powell, 33-1). 3 ran. 16l, dist. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £1.50. DF: £1.50. CSF £1.41

3.15 (2m 4f) 1, CLEAN EDGE (E Husband, 5-2); 2, First Crack (S Wynne, 5-2); 3, Coast Along (W Worthington, 5-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 14 Forgetful (4th). 4 ran. *NR: Fieldridge. 3l, 10l, 21l. J Mackie at* Church Broughton. Tote: £3.80; £7.00. DF: £4.60. CSF £8.16

3.45 (2m) 1, ROYAL THIMBLE (R Johnson, 5-2); *2, Lancer (W Marston, 100-30)*; 3, Night Time (Mr G Shenkin, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Circus Colours (4th). 4 ran. NR: Sarmahan. 1½l, 1½l, sh hd. N Chance at Lambourn. Tote: £3.00. DF: £5.80. CSF: £9.32

4.15 (2m) 1, WILLIE MAKEIT (J Culloty, 11-8 fav); 2, Scaraben (R Johnson, 13-8); 3, Harrow Way (S McNeill, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 12 Astounded (5th), Caxton (4th). 5 ran. 1½l, 9l, 11l, ¾l. R Phillips at Sparsholt. Tote: £1.80; £1.60, £1.10. DF: £2.00. CSF £3.59

4.45 (2m) 1, FORGOTTEN EMPRESS (R Johnson, 2-1); 2, Burnt Sienna (W McFarland, 20-1); 3, Regal Gem (B Fenton, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Last Laugh (5th), 16 Sadler's Pearl (4th), 66 Sister Jim (6th). 6 ran. 1½l, 16l, 6l, dist, 14l. S Kettlewell at Middleham. Tote: £2.90; £1.80, £8.90. DF: £15.10. CSF: £28.41.

Placepot: £164.50. Quadpot: £25.50.

Leicester

Going: good

5.45 (7f 9yd) 1, CROWN OF LIGHT (R Cochrane, 9-2); 2, Ciro's Pearl (12-1); 3, Northern Girl (20-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav *Blue Hopper, 9 Amving (4th)*. 13 ran. NR: Attire. Hd, 6l. M Stoute. Tote: £5.60; £1.60, £5.10, £7.70. DF: £45.80. Trio: not won (pool of £123.04 carried forward to tomorrow). CSF £54.13. Attire (14-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduct 5p in pound

Thirsk

Going: good

6.00 (1m) 1, EURO SCEPTIC (P Doe, 7-4 fav); 2, Percy Parrot (10-1); 3, Rainbows Rhapsody (15-2). ALSO RAN: [illegible]

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CRICKET: STALEMATE IN SECOND TEST LEAVES PAKISTAN WELL-PLACED TO WIN SERIES AT THE OVAL

England drawn to strategical rethink

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

HEADINGLEY (final day of five): England drew with Pakistan

FOR all the brave words and bold intentions of the England team, there was an air of torpid inevitability to the conclusion of the second Cornhill Test match. The draw was an endangered species at Headingley when 12 consecutive Tests, from 1981 to 1993, ended in a positive and often premature result, but the use of a relaid pitch has taken the devil and much of the drama from the place.

The second draw in three years was a certainty long before it was officially endorsed by the sight of Michael Atherton bowling his leg spin at Test level for the first time in five years. His counterpart and friend, Wasim Akram, quaked in mock terror at the receiver's end, but was not quite so amused when he became Atherton's second Test victim, leg-before offering no stroke.

While the cricket was more consequential, England can claim to have had the better end of this latest stalemate, and there were even fleeting moments early yesterday when victory was not entirely beyond them. Now, though, they are in the same position as they were after drawing with South Africa here in 1994 — heading for the Oval needing to win to save the series.

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It is a reasonable assumption that Devon Malcolm, their saviour on that memorable occasion, will not be summoned for one more reprise. It can also be taken for granted that conditions in Kennington on the first morning next week will bear little resemblance to those pertaining here last Thursday. England, then, have some thinking to do regarding how best to bowl Pakistan out twice on the best batting pitch in the country, and they may have to come up with something a shade more convincing than Atherton's leg breaks.

They are acutely aware of where they went wrong in this game and neither Atherton, the captain, nor David Lloyd, the coach, have attempted to evade the issue. If the seamers had not bowled witlessly short in the first two sessions of the match, England would probably now be level.

That they had needed to strike early became ever more evident. Once the moisture of the opening day left it, this was a slow and straightforward pitch. It never did have the grass cover that England craved, but as its preparation was in the charge of Andy Fogarty, a groundsman in his first year and rightly protective of his reputation, this was not to be wondered at. Bland pitches were also produced at the Oval last year and Trent Bridge this summer, both by groundsmen newly installed.

It now seems paradoxical that the one England victory this summer came on an unsuitable surface at Edgbaston, where the worried Warwickshire administration has since engaged Ron Allsopp as a pitch consultant. Allsopp spent half his lifetime as the Trent Bridge groundsman and could produce contrasting pitches to order. Is it too cynical to suggest that he might be centrally employed, advising on the preparation of all home Test pitches so that they no longer conspire against England?

The loss of the last session on Sunday cost England their remaining chance of embarrassing Pakistan, but they did not help themselves by dropping another catch in the opening over yesterday. On Friday, with Pakistan still vulnerable, a catch was put down off the eighth ball of the morning. Yesterday, Alan Mullally's fourth ball found Shadab's edge and carried comfortably to first slip, where Thorpe put it down.

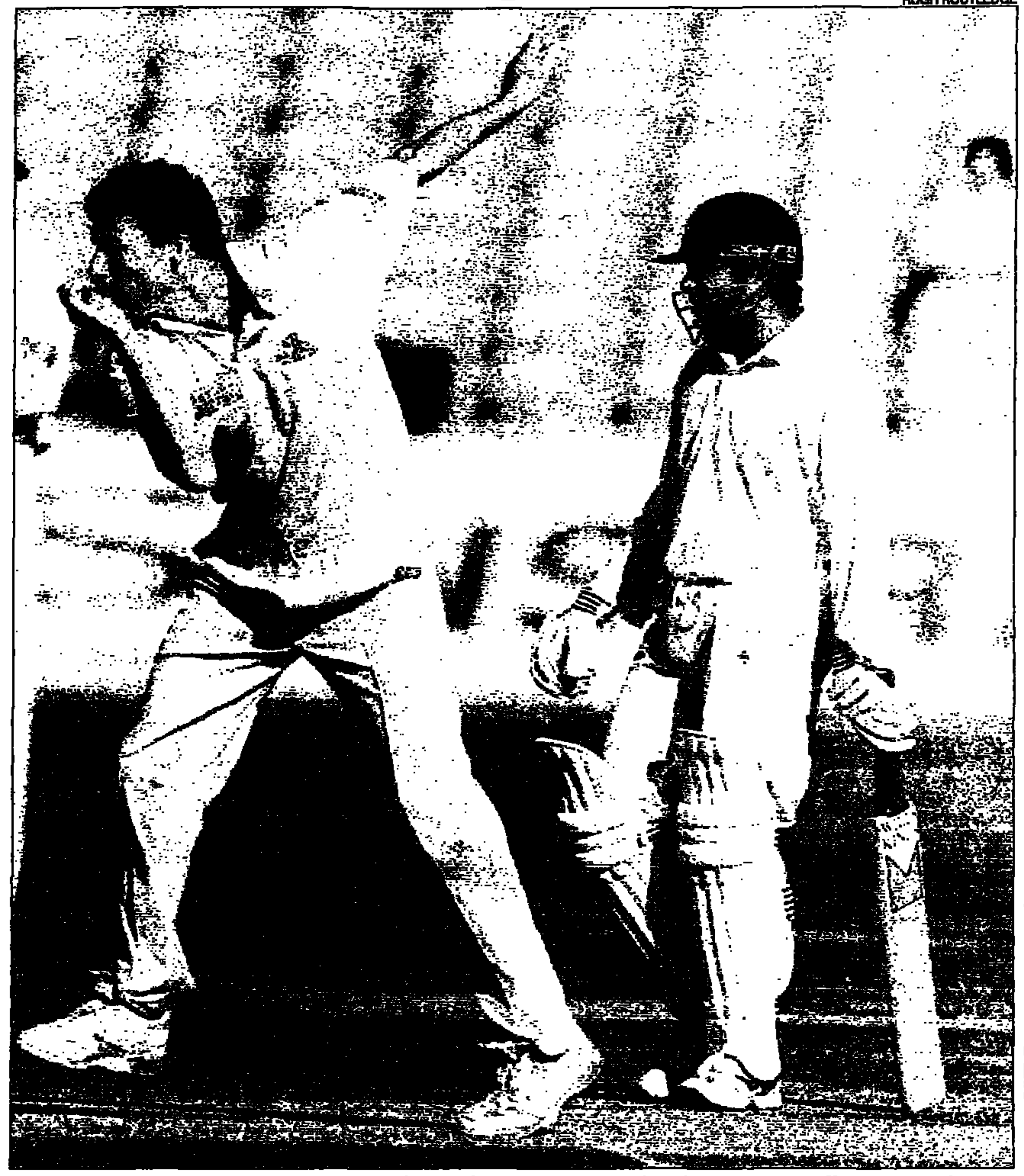
Shadab scarcely profited, making only two before a top-edged pull gave Lewis his first and only wicket of the match. His length was improved yesterday but there was still no threat in his bowling and, as the least impressive of this one-dimensional attack, he cannot be confident of his place if England shift the emphasis next week.

There were encouraging signs that Dominic Cork has rediscovered his rhythm, and his second ball of the morning committed a defensive shot from Saeed Anwar and left him sufficiently to take the edge. It was a fine piece of bowling and Cork might have made further inroads before lunch, one leg-before appeal against Inzamam looking extremely close. Inzamam survived to prosper and it was his 65, made from 83 balls with a series of sumptuously-timed on-side blows, that settled the fate of this game.

It did not end before Caddick, who operated off a short run for some of the day, had taken three wickets as part compensation for his ill-fortune on Thursday, or before Ijaz Ahmed had added a composed 52 to his first-innings century.

Nor did it end without some uncharacteristically scruffy wicketkeeping that will only encourage the lobby agitating for Russell to hand over the gloves to Stewart once again. It was resisted for this game, rightly, but the need to win at the Oval guarantees that it will be raised again, and that it will go on being raised until England find batsmen who can bowl — apart, of course, from the proud captain.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Atherton, the England captain, employs his rarely-used leg spin against Pakistan at Headingley yesterday

FULL SCOREBOARD FROM HEADINGLEY

England won toss

PAKISTAN First Innings

Saeed Anwar c Atherton b Mullally (12min, 11 balls)	1
Shadab Kabir lbw b Caddick (122min, 90 balls, 5 fours)	35
Ijaz Ahmed c Russell b Cork (279min, 201 balls, 2 sixes, 20 fours)	141
Inzamam-ul-Haq c Atherton b Mullally (11min, 10 balls)	2
Salim Malik b Cork (193min, 143 balls, 3 fours)	55
Asif Mujtaba c Thorpe b Cork (267min, 220 balls, 4 fours)	51
*Wasim Akram c Russell b Caddick (17min, 12 balls, 1 four)	7
†Moin Khan c Russell b Cork (282min, 191 balls, 1 six, 10 fours)	105
Mushtaq Ahmed c Atherton b Caddick (83min, 43 balls, 2 fours)	20
Waqar Younis c and b Cork (11min, 11 balls, 1 four)	7
Ata-ur-Rehman not out (4min, 1 ball)	0
Extras (b 4, lb 10, nb 10)	24
Total (153.2 overs, 645min)	448

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1 (Shadab 0), 2-98 (Ijaz 58), 3-103 (Ijaz 59), 4-233 (Salim 41), 5-252 (Asif 5), 6-266 (Asif 12), 7-378 (Moin 64), 8-434 (Mushtaq 14), 9-444 (Mushtaq 16).

BOWLING: Caddick 40.2-6-113-3, Mullally 41-10-99-2, Lewis 32-4-100-0, Cork 37-6-113-5, Thorpe 3-1-9-0

ENGLAND: First Innings

*M A Atherton c Moin b Wasim (12min, 13 balls, 2 fours)	12
A J Stewart c and b Mushtaq (438min, 315 balls, 24 fours)	170
N Hussain c and b Waqar (110min, 85 balls, 5 fours)	48
G P Thorpe c Shadab b Mushtaq (82min, 54 balls, 2 fours)	16
J P Crawley c Moin b Rehman (134min, 115 balls, 5 fours)	53
N V Knight c Mushtaq b Waqar (258min, 176 balls, 16 fours)	113
†R C Russell b Wasim (73min, 49 balls, 1 four)	9
C C Lewis b Mushtaq (57min, 41 balls)	9
D G Cork c Shadab b Wasim (86min, 71 balls, 3 fours)	26
A R Caddick b Waqar (8min, 5 balls, 1 four)	4
A D Mullally not out (45min, 23 balls, 1 six)	9
Extras (b 7, lb 23, nb 2)	32
Total (156.5 overs, 655min)	501

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14 (Stewart 2), 2-121 (Stewart 58), 3-168 (Stewart 86), 4-257 (Stewart 114), 5-365 (Knight 43), 6-402 (Knight 70), 7-441 (Knight 96), 8-465 (Cork 7), 9-471 (Cork 9).

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 39.5-10-106-3, Waqar Younis 33-7-127-3, Ata-ur-Rehman 22-1-90-1, Mushtaq Ahmed 55-17-142-3, Asif Mujtaba 7-5-6-0.

PAKISTAN: Second Innings

Saeed Anwar c Russell b Cork (57min, 45 balls, 3 fours)	22
Shadab Kabir c and b Lewis (26min, 13 balls)	2
Ijaz Ahmed c Russell b Caddick (242min, 150 balls, 2 fours)	52
Inzamam-ul-Haq c Stewart b Caddick (94min, 83 balls, 9 fours)	65
Salim Malik c Cork b Caddick (18min, 18 balls, 1 four)	6
Asif Mujtaba run out (Atherton/Thorpe) (68min, 64 balls, 2 fours)	26
*Wasim Akram lbw b Atherton (56min, 48 balls)	7
†Moin Khan not out (52min, 52 balls, 3 fours)	30
Mushtaq Ahmed not out (25min, 27 balls)	6
Extras (b 4, lb 12, nb 10)	26
Total (7 wkts dec, 81 overs, 322min)	242

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16 (Saeed 12), 2-34 (Ijaz 4), 3-132 (Ijaz 29), 4-142 (Ijaz 32), 5-188 (Ijaz 47), 6-201 (Wasim 4), 7-221 (Moin 15).

BOWLING: Mullally 15-2-43-0 (nb 7; 3 fours: 5-0-19-0, 3-1-5-0, 7-1-19-0); Lewis 16-3-52-1 (nb 6; 6 fours; 5-1-14-1, 6-0-27-0, 5-2-11-0); Caddick 17-4-52-3 (nb 1; 7 fours; 6-2-21-0, 7-2-24-2, 4-0-7-1); Cork 16-2-49-1 (3 fours: 11-2-34-1, 5-0-15-0); Thorpe 10-3-10-0 (1-0-1-0, 9-3-9-0); Atherton 7-1-20-1 (1 four: one spell)

SCORING NOTES: Fifth day: Lunch: 87-2 (28 overs, 123min; Ijaz 21, Inzamam 30) Tea: 189-5 (56 overs, 243min, Ijaz 48, Wasim 0).

Match drawn

Match award: A J Stewart (Adjudicator Mushtaq Mohammed)

Umpires: S A Bucknor (West Indies) and D R Shepherd. Third umpire: R Julian.

Match referee: P L van der Merwe

SERIES DETAILS: First Test (Lord's) Pakistan won by 164 runs. Test to come: Third (The Oval) August 22 to 26

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Malcolm wrecks Sussex's chance of victory

By Rupert Cox

HOVE (final day of four): Derbyshire (23pts) beat Sussex (6) by 47 runs

IT THREATENED to be an intriguing and tense climax, with Sussex resuming yesterday morning requiring 185 more runs with eight wickets intact to usurp Derbyshire's early dominance. Devon Malcolm, however, had other ideas, collecting his second ten-wicket match haul in three championship encounters. Sussex could not recover from a disastrous start and Derbyshire's ultimate victory in a fluctuating contest maintained their place among the posse of counties who still have a chance of taking the Britannic Assurance title.

With heavy afternoon showers predicted, the onus was on Sussex to take a firm gasp of this match as they resumed on 91 for two; but within 12 eventful minutes they stood perilously at 96 for five, their chance of a victory that had seemed within reach on Saturday night, apparently having been thrown away.

Derbyshire, without their former Sussex all-rounder, Colin Wells, who picked up a back injury bowling in the first innings and was unable to take the field, got the early inspiration they needed from their experienced new-ball pairing of Malcolm and Phillip DeFreitas.

Alan Wells edged the first ball of the day from DeFreitas to O'Gorman at second slip, and Martin Speight, the first-innings century-maker, quickly followed, comprehensively beaten by Malcolm, who uprooted his off stump.

The nightwatchman, Ian Salisbury, having witnessed the mainstays of Sussex's batting dismissed so quickly, could only muster a solitary boundary to add to his overnight score before lofting DeFreitas to Matthew Vandrau at cover.

The Sussex middle order, however, had not abandoned all thoughts of victory. Keith Newell, in his first championship match of the season, played the anchor role and, first with Danny Law, then with his vice-captain, Peter Moores, took Sussex beyond 200.

Law, 21, profited from some early fortune, edging twice through the slip cordon, but he was driving crisply by the time he was out for 32, clipping Malcolm off his toes, towards the short pavilion-side boundary, where Vandrau clutched the ball above his head as he struggled to remain within bounds.

This brought Moores, the wicketkeeper, to the crease, and he took on Malcolm, announcing his arrival with a savage pull in front of square. Malcolm, inevitably, dropped short and Moores top-edged his hook but Kevin Dean, running from long leg, could only knock the ball over the ropes. On the stroke of lunch Moores repeated the shot in more convincing style, as Sussex adjourned at 208 for six, just 68 runs short of victory, with Malcolm's four overs before the interval having produced 48 runs.

The match turned again immediately after lunch, when Newell was leg-before to Dean and Mooresbecame Malcolm's fourth victim of the innings after an enterprising 56 from 41 balls. The momentum was lost, this time for good.

Derbyshire are now level with Kent in fourth place, and with fixtures against many of the lowly teams, their seamers in good form and unaffected by Test calls, they will pose a serious threat.

Glamorgan inspired by thrill of chase for tough target

By Ivo Tennant

SWANSEA (final day of four): Glamorgan (9pts) drew with Leicestershire (11)

CHASING a target has not been one of Glamorgan's strengths this season. Left to score 335 off what transpired to be 86 overs, and given the ideal start by Hugh Morris, who made his fourth century of the season, they lost five wickets in the last hour, leaving their last-wicket pair of Colin Metson and Neil Kendrick to survive the final eight balls. Leicestershire, seeking to remain at the top of the championship table, timed their declaration almost, but not quite, to perfection.

If Morris were not six years older than Nick Knight, presumably he would have been among the past and prospective England players over whom David Graveney was running his eye yesterday. He remains conscientious and thoroughly dependable, if not quite the batsman to do something about keeping up with the run rate in the last hour.

Much is always expected of Maynard in such circumstances. Perhaps too much. Coming in after James and Evans had both made useful contributions, he drove and timed his shots off his legs with such an ease that there was no necessity for him to charge down the pitch at Brimson. Already scoring at just about a run a ball, his 33 including six fours, he was stumped by some distance.

Brimson, who gained a considerable amount of turn, is yet another individual whom Jack Birkenshaw, the Leicestershire manager, has collected from another county. He deliberately bowled wide of the leg stump at Cottey, the double century maker of the first innings, and if that was not pretty to watch, it was a ploy that worked.

Irked by this, Cottey swung across the line and was bowled. In came Butcher, who was promptly dropped without scoring at short leg. When the last 16 overs commenced soon afterwards, Glamorgan needed 107, which was not excessive. In the first of these, though, Butcher drove Pierson to mid-off and set off for a run that was only feasible if the fielder, Aftab Habib, missed the stumps. He did not.

This brought in Gibson, who may or may not be aware that Glamorgan are contemplating whether they can afford to make Waqar Younis their highest-paid employee. As the overseas hired hand, Gibson has been a disappointment. At least in this match he has made some runs — 97 in the first innings and some lofty blows here, including a skimming six over long-off off Brimson.

Next, Morris, having made 106 off 202 balls, including 17 fours, was leg-before pushing defensively at Pierson. In the following over, bowled by Brimson, Thomas drove him over the rugby stand and, no doubt, into one of those hay carts that in the apocryphal stories are supposed to carry such shots all the way to Llandrindrod Wells. But it did not last. Macmillan bowled him round his legs as he looked to sweep and Croft drove impetuously to mid-off before he had scored.

From the last four overs, 46 were required, which meant that everything depended on Gibson. In the penultimate over, seemingly undecided as to whether to attempt to make 36 more runs, he was bowled through the gate by Macmillan.

Champions send Durham spinning

By Jack Bailey

EDGBASTON (final day of four): Warwickshire (23pts) beat Durham (6) by 282 runs

IT WAS as near a certainty as anything in cricket can be that the task confronting Durham yesterday morning would be beyond them. They resumed with eight wickets left and 388 runs still needed for an improbable victory, but there were still hopes of a glorious rearguard action, a batting display which would stretch Warwickshire to the limit.

No such thing. Within 20 minutes of lunch Durham had acquiesced to their ninth championship defeat of the season on a pitch yielding slow turn to Ashley Giles and Neil Smith. It was the turn of Giles to cash in against opposition which was ill-equipped to combat either his slow left-arm spinners or some fine close catching in which Dougie Brown figured large.

Giles's six for 45 was accompanied by the award of his county cap. Brown's intrepid display earned him a severe blow on the upper arm and a suspected fracture as his Durham namesake swung, full-blooded, at a ball from Smith. By then, Brown had taken three excellent catches to get rid of Hutton, Roseberry and Weston and Warwickshire were all but home.

Victory for Warwickshire kept alive their outside chance of retaining the championship. For all the fragility of yesterday's opposition, there remains a determination about their approach which inspires confidence that they will not be toppled without a fight.

It was Tim Munton, their experienced acting captain, who began the Durham slide. After an interrupted season he has now settled into his old rhythm. His accuracy and movement off the seam accounted for Bainbridge, playing to leg a ball that held its own, and then Hutton, the first of Brown's short leg victims.

Throughout the match, though, this had been a spinner's kingdom and it was not long before Giles and Smith were in harness, chipping away at tentative Durham batting. Brown took a low, catch to remove Weston and half of the Durham team were out for only 69. When the same Brown-Giles combination accounted for Roseberry, it was just a matter of whether Durham would hold out until lunch.

Simon Brown and David Ligertwood offered enough resistance in their different ways Brown with a free swing of the bat, Ligertwood by means of stubborn defence, but it could not last. At lunch, these two were still together and Durham had reached three figures with eight wickets down.

Ligertwood remained until the end, but when Giles had Brown caught from a skyer to mid-off and then Killeen snapped up by Penney, close in on the off side, nothing remained for Durham but the journey back to the North East.

Symonds succumbs to Hampshire spin

HAMPSHIRE celebrated their £7.1 million windfall from the National Lottery with only their third championship win of the season, beating Gloucestershire by 63 runs with a ball to spare at Southampton yesterday (Geoffrey Wheeler writes).

While Andrew Symonds was flaying the quicker bowlers during the pre-lunch session, Gloucestershire looked to have a good chance of achieving their tall target of 379. But, once he had been slowed by the spinners — he was stumped off Maru for 90 after hitting a six and 16 fours — Hampshire took control.

Shaun Udal made a timely return to form, taking five for 82, while Maru had three for 50. The last pair, Davis and Lewis, survived for ten overs before Udal had Lewis taken at short leg.

Hampshire have to find another £9 million to finance the building of a new headquarters and community stadium near the M27, which will include a self-contained nursery ground for second XI cricket, an academy for young players, a gymnasium, a nine-hole golf course, indoor and outdoor bowls and an all-weather sports pitch.

South Africa A will take an unbeaten record in first-class games into the final match of their tour, against a TCCB XI at Durham on Thursday, after beating Worcestershire by 172 runs at New Road.

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CRICKET

Semi-finals to test nerve and stamina

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE mercenary overcrowding of the domestic calendar reaches its zenith today when six members of the England team step directly from a week of demanding, slow-burning Test cricket into the microwave atmosphere of the NatWest Trophy semi-finals.

There has to be a more measured way of scheduling the important matches, but the Test and County Cricket Board has not yet hit upon it, and the projected shift to staging the ties on separate days next year is merely a device to accommodate the ever-inflating requirements of television.

Any fatigue, however, is likely to be overwhelmed by the passion generated inside Old Trafford, for the second of this summer's Roses semi-finals, and at the Oval, where close to 10,000 are expected for the visit of Essex. There are years when the semi-finalists surprise or even disappoint, but this quartet is heavy-duty.

Martin: match-winner

Precedent suggests that Lancashire will beat Yorkshire. After all, it is nine years since they lost a knockout match at Old Trafford and they already have the Benson and Hedges Cup back in safe keeping. They are a formidable side at the longer one-day games, there will be 18,000 cheering them on, and they expect Ian Austin and Peter Martin to have recovered from niggling injuries.

It was Martin who struck the decisive, last-ball blow in the semi-final of the Benson and Hedges Cup, gaining a one-wicket win that had seemed inconceivable for the majority of the match. This was not the only time this season that Lancashire have got by on nerve and experience in a tight finish. They have not been winning games convincingly and, in the championship, they have not been winning games at all.

There may be no significant correlation between four-day and one-day form, but it cannot be easy for any side to emerge from a string of indifferent performances and turn on the glitz on the big day. It is this that will encourage Yorkshire, whose cricket remains assertive in all three competitions where they retain an interest. Strictly on form, it is they who should be favourites, but the suspicion persists that the occasion, and the proximity of glory, will affect their game more than Lancashire's.

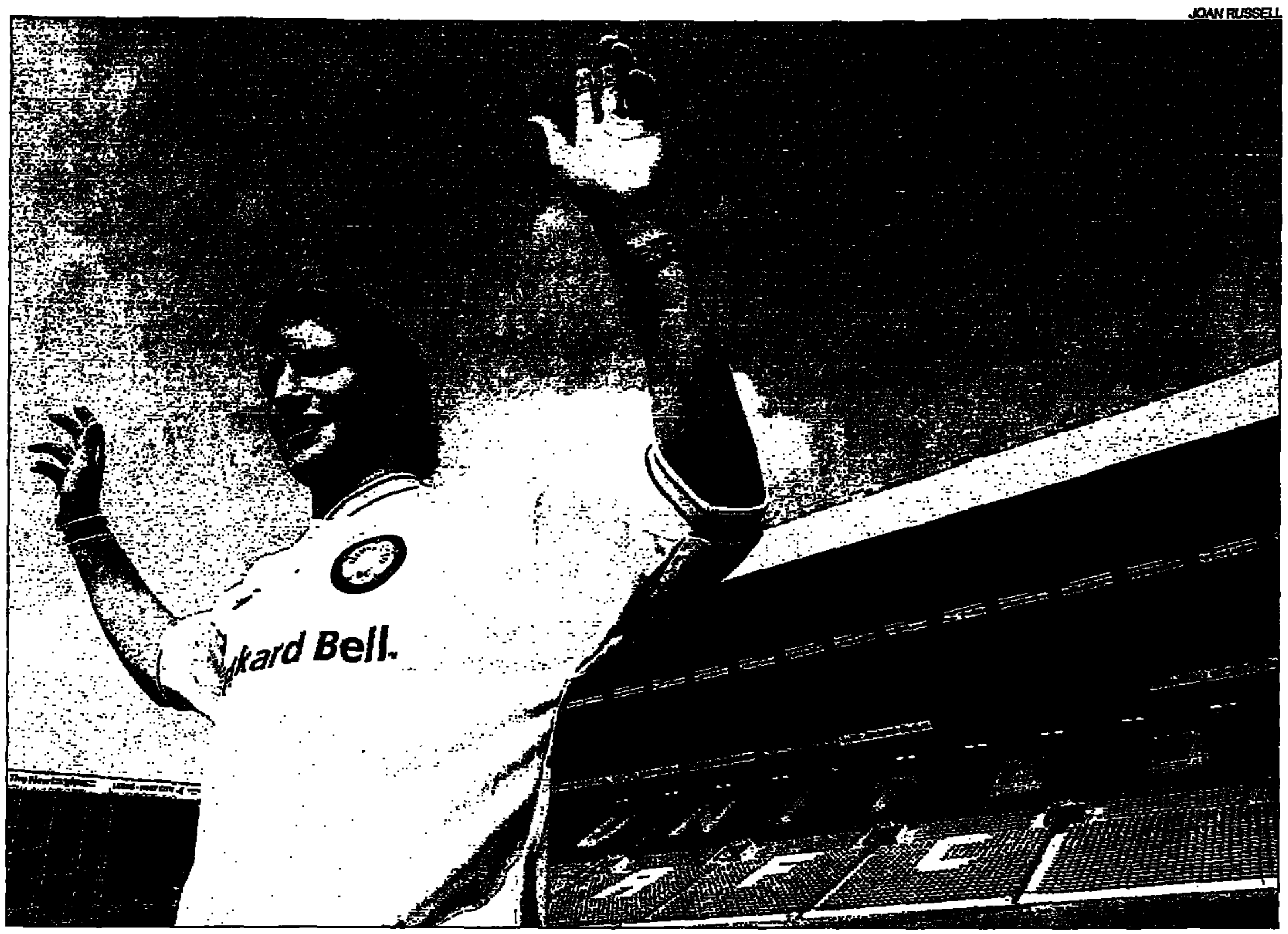
The weather forecast, at least, seems to be in Yorkshire's favour and will encourage them to include Michael Bevan, who must catch an evening flight out of Heathrow to link up with the Australia side. Bevan played the resolute innings that carried Yorkshire to a quarter-final win over Lancashire at Headingley last year and he, for one, will relish the pressures of the day.

The same applies to Essex's Australian, Stuart Law, who will be on a different aircraft tonight bound for the same place as Bevan. Law has made 11 centuries for Essex in all cricket, including at least one in each of the four leading competitions and one against the touring team. Not even Graham Gooch has achieved this in a single season.

Gooch has already played in six Lord's finals and will not have many more opportunities to play a seventh. He is batting as well as ever, though, and on a ground where he has traditionally made runs, Surrey will be concerned if he lingers.

Surrey have won nothing since 1982, but they remain in strong contention for three trophies this summer and are arguably best suited by the regulations of the NatWest. They bat deep and powerfully and have sufficient all-rounders to make up the ideal one-day side. A final between Surrey and Yorkshire would be evocative of bygone days, but it would also reflect the emerging areas of strength.

JOAN RUSSELL


Sharpe takes at look a his new Elland Road surroundings after completing his £4.5 million signing from Manchester United yesterday

Wilkinson sets out new agenda

BY PETER BALL

HOWARD WILKINSON'S reconstruction of Leeds United took another step yesterday when he completed the signing of Lee Sharpe, Manchester United's former England left winger, for £4.5 million. Sharpe signed a four-year contract on the Elland Road pitch in front of around 100 cheering supporters — rather fewer than turn up for the average day's training at Manchester United.

Sharpe anyway had few illusions about the direction he has taken. "It is going to be different and a bit weird," he said. "I shall perhaps be a bigger fish in a smaller pond, rather than the other way round at Old Trafford, but I'm looking forward to it.

"When you've been somewhere for eight years, it is a wrench to leave, and when you see United's performance in the Charity Shield, you wonder about leaving such a good team. But the most I could have expected was a place on the bench and getting on for 20 minutes here, half an hour there.

"I wasn't enjoying my football because I wasn't playing regularly in my best position, wide on the left, and that meant I wasn't getting the consistency. Leeds are on a rebuilding programme, and it is an exciting time for me. There are new players, a new manager, and that's a new challenge."

Johnny Giles and Gordon Strachan accepted similar circumstances when they left Old Trafford for Elland Road. Sharpe may not be quite in their league, but he will relish one of the challenges Wilkinson offered him, that of regaining his place in the England squad.

Part of Sharpe's motivation in leaving Manchester United was to secure regular first-team football and attract the attention of Glenn Hoddle, the new England manager. He has received immediate encouragement from Wilkinson. "Glenn phoned me last week and expressed his disappointment at the dearth of left-sided players," said the Leeds manager.

"I said to Lee, slightly tongue in cheek, that I would phone Glenn and tell him we might have solved his problem. Prior to his illness and injury, on that side Lee had no peer. When Gary Speed left, I was obviously looking for a left-sided player and, when you looked at the list, it was difficult to get beyond Lee Sharpe."

Certainly, if Sharpe can recapture his form of three years ago, before a debilitating illness took a great deal out of him, Hoddle as well as Leeds will be happy. Leeds have good reason to remember the player of those days, Sharpe giving Mel Sterland, then the Leeds right back, a torrid time in the both legs of a League Cup semi-final, but Wilkinson also insisted that reports of his decline had been exaggerated.

"He played 40 games for a team which did the double last season, so that's testimony enough," he said. "But when you've been a fit young footballer roaring all over the place and then you find yourself sitting in a chair with the feeling going out of your foot and your arm and your face, and you're virtually paralysed, it can change your thinking. I only get that way halfway down the third bottle of wine."

Leeds's form last season would make a resort to a third bottle of wine understandable, but Wilkinson is upbeat at the moment. "I said after the League Cup final defeat that we would have to start again, and that's what we've done this summer, started again."

As well as Sharpe, Lee Bowyer has arrived from Charlton Athletic to bolster midfield. The signing of Nigel Martyn, from Crystal Palace, should solve a long-standing goalkeeping problem. Ian Rush has also arrived to provide goals and leadership — and the knowledge, gleaned from Liverpool, of how to win.

"A lot of the off-the-field things I wanted to achieve have been achieved, but not all of them. If I could wave a magic wand this afternoon, I would probably sign two more players, but I can't," Wilkinson said.

Players' strike looms larger

A STRIKE by Nationwide League players edged closer yesterday when the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) announced its decision to ballot its members (Russell Kempson writes). The PFA went ahead with its plans despite threats of legal action from the Football League if such steps were taken.

Matters have come to a head over the League's decision to stop paying the traditional ten per cent of its television revenue to the PFA. At the League's last annual meeting, a resolution was passed that any future payments should be on a "discretionary" basis.

On Sunday, at a PFA management committee meeting in Manchester, it was unanimously agreed to ask members for a mandate to strike. Mick McGuire, assistant chief executive of the PFA, said: "I hope this action focuses the minds of the League. It's a fundamental issue and it's important our members vote on it. This sets the process in motion. We're aware that the League has threatened to take legal action to stop us, but it's an industrial dispute and we're entitled to ballot our members."

The League has signed a £25 million deal with Sky TV, which is 40 per cent owned by News International, parent company of *The Times*, and any strike would only affect those matches due to be screened live. The FA Premier League, which runs the FA Carling Premiership, has a separate deal with Sky and is not involved in the present dispute.

Andy Williamson, assistant secretary of the League, said: "The PFA is oblivious to the realities of football's new market place. It seems that the PFA is intent on setting out on a collision course."

BOWLS

Johnston struggles to stay in running

BY GORDON ALLAN

MARGARET JOHNSTON, of Ireland, the holder, faced the distinct possibility of dropping out of the running for the women's world singles championship at Leamington Spa yesterday. In the morning, she lost 25-24 to Cora Howard-Williams, of Zimbabwe — her second consecutive defeat in the qualifying stages — and, in the afternoon, on the trickiest green of the five in Victoria Park, she struggled to beat Maria Vasquez, of Argentina, 25-21. Defeat by Vasquez could have spelt the end of Johnston's chances of retaining the title.

Howard-Williams, from Bulawayo, trailed for more than half the match and was 24-23 down when she scored two shots on the 32nd end to win. Vasquez, a teacher from Buenos Aires, tied the scores three times and led more than once before Johnston, drawing on all her experience and despite being below her best, claimed the winning shot.

Joyce Lindores, of Scotland, leads Johnston's section with an unbeaten record, after edging home 25-24 against Maureen Burns, of Kenya. Wendy Line, of England, is one of five players a point behind Lindores. Line came from behind to defeat Matimba Like, a doctor from Zambia, 25-22 and then had an easier passage 25-16 against Litia Tikoisuva, of Fiji.

In the other section, Jo Peacock, of South Africa, shares the leadership with Rita Jones, of Wales, and two others.

South Africa are unbeaten in their section of the fours, with Scotland and England joint-third. New Zealand lead the other section, with Spain, perhaps unexpectedly, in second place. The England four — Norma Shaw, Jean Baker, Gill Fitzgerald and Mary Price — beat Ireland 18-13 and Botswana 22-12.

Before the first bowl was rolled ten days ago, the consensus was that the home countries, being familiar with the greens and the conditions at Leamington, would dominate, perhaps even monopolise, the championships, as they did at Ayr in 1992.

Thus far, this has not been the case. Ireland won the pairs and Wales picked up the bronze medal in the triples, but England and Scotland finished out of the first three in both events. South Africa, with their triples gold and their fourth place in the pairs, were the team to catch the eye most often during the first week.

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Britannic Assurance county championship

Glamorgan v Leicestershire

SWANSEA (final day of four): Glamorgan (9pts) drew with Leicestershire (11)

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 536 (B F Smith 190, P V Simmons 92, P A Cottey 4 for 49)

Second Innings

V J Wells c sub b Croft	46
D L Maddy b Thomas	2
G I Macmillan c Metson b Thomas	31
B F Smith run out	32
A Habib lbw b Croft	28
*P V Simmons c sub b Croft	34
†P A *Nixon not out*	27
D J Millns c Evans b Croft	11
G J Parsons not out	6
Extras (b 4, lb 7, w 1, nb 2)	14
Total (7 wkts dec)	231

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-66, 3-99, 4-151, 5-161, 6-200, 7-220

BOWLING: Gibson 11-0-78-0, Thomas 9-0-51-2; Croft 17-2-47-4, Butcher 2-0-16-0; Cottey 7-0-22-0, Maynard 2-0-6-0.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 433 (P A Cottey 203, O D Gibson 97; P V Simmons 5 for 62)

Second Innings

S P James lbw b Simmons	29
H Morris lbw b Pierson	106
A W Evans c Simmons b Pierson	23
*M P Maynard st Nixon b Brimson	33
P A Cottey b Brimson	10
G P Butcher run out	15
O D Gibson b Macmillan	42
S D Thomas b Macmillan	13
R D B Croft c Wells b Brimson	0
†C P Metson not out	1
N M Kendrick not out	0
Extras (b 13, lb 14)	27
Total (9 wkts)	299

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-82, 2-115, 3-165, 4-195, 5-228, 6-240, 7-280, 8-287, 9-299.

BOWLING: Millns 5-1-19-0, Parsons 6-1-15-0; Pierson 20-4-75-2; Brimson 27-6-86-3; Wells 6-4-3-0, Simmons 10-4-30-1; Macmillan 12-2-44-2

Umpires: A A Jones and R A White

Hampshire v Gloucestershire

SOUTHAMPTON (final day of four): Hampshire (20pts) beat Gloucestershire (4) by 63 runs

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 186 (M Keech 55; C A Walsh 5 for 34)

Second Innings 358 (R A Smith 77, W S Kendall 63, M Keech 61, K D James 50, M W Alleyne 4 for 86)

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 164 (D R Hewson 87; C A Connor 9 for 38)

Second Innings

D R Hewson b Maru	58
M G N Windows c Udal b James	38
A Symonds st Aymes b Maru	90
T H C Hancock b Maru	9
M A Lynch c and b Udal	13
M W Alleyne lbw b Udal	45
†R C J Williams run out	1
*C A Walsh c sub b Udal	0
R P Davis not out	37
M C J Ball lbw b Udal	0
J Lewis c Keech b Udal	6
Extras (b 7, lb 4, w 1, nb 6)	18
Total	315

4-205, 5-248, 6-253, 7-253, 8-271, 9-277

BOWLING: Connor 24-3-96-0; Stephenson 12-1-43-0; Udal 30.5-7-82-5, Maru 33-17-50-3; James 15-5-33-1

Umpires: J C Balderstone and P Willey.

Sussex v Derbyshire

HOVE (final day of four): Derbyshire (23pts) beat Sussex (6) by 47 runs

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 320 (K J Barnett 55, T J G O'Gorman 54)

Second Innings 220 (A S Rollins 78 not out; V C Drakes 5 for 47)

SUSSEX: First Innings 265 (M P Speight 122 not out; D E Malcolm 5 for 119)

Second Innings

C W J Athey lbw b Vandrau	19
K Greenfield c Jones b Malcolm	51
I D K Salisbury c Vandrau b DeFreitas	13
*A P Wells c O'Gorman b DeFreitas	2
M P Speight b Malcolm	1
K Newell lbw b Dean	*31*
D R Law c Vandrau b Malcolm	32
†P Moores c Barnett b Malcolm	56
V C Drakes c Krikken b DeFreitas	2
R J Kirtley b Malcolm	7
E S H Giddins not out	3
Extras (b 4, lb 1, nb 6)	11
Total	228

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-75, 2-81, 3-91, 4-92, 5-96, 6-144, 7-208, 8-211, 9-223.

BOWLING: Malcolm 25-6-96-5; DeFreitas 17-1-59-3, Dean 15-3-57-1; Vandrau 8-2-11-1.

Umpires: B Dudleston and R Palmer.

Warwickshire v Durham

EDGBASTON (final day of four): Warwickshire (23pts) beat Durham (6) by 282 runs

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 306 (D P *Ostler 86, N M K Smith 64, D M Cox 5 for 97*)

Second Innings 361 for 9 dec (W G Khan 130, A J Moles 74, D R Brown 51: D M Cox 5 for 139)

DURHAM: First Innings 255 (S L Campbell 64, P Bainbridge 54; N M K Smith 5 for 76)

Second Innings

S L Campbell lbw b Munton	15
S Hutton c Brown b Munton	16
J A Daley c Ostler b Giles	2
P Bainbridge lbw b Munton	7
*M A Roseberry c Brown b Giles	16
R M S Weston c Brown b Giles	9
†D G C Ligertwood not out	22
D M Cox b Giles	10
J Wood b Smith	5
S J E Brown c Pollock b Giles	22
N Killeen c Penney b Giles	*0*
Extras (b 1, lb 1, nb 4)	6
Total	130

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-24, 3-32, 4-49, 5-67, 6-76, 7-92, 8-101, 9-126

BOWLING: Pollock 9-3-29-0; Munton 10-2-29-3, Giles 18-5-45-6; Smith 18-4-25-1

Umpires: J D Bond and G Sharp.

Tour match

Worcestershire v South Africa A

WORCESTER (final day of four): South Africa A beat Worcestershire by 172 runs

SOUTH AFRICA A: First Innings 202 (J B Commins 61, B E A Preece 4 for 79, P A Thomas 4 for 33)

Second Innings

S G Koenig c Leatherdale b Thomas	0
G F J Liebenberg c Rhodes b Leatherdale	33
H H Gibbs c Ralph b Ellis	5
*J B Commins b Leatherdale	22
D N Crookes c Spiring b Preece	62
N Boje c Spiring b Leatherdale	4
†S J Palframan b Leatherdale	6
M W Pringle c Rhodes b Thomas	105
G Smith b Thomas	5
G Gilder c Rhodes b Preece	23
P R Adams not out	25
Extras (lb 14, w 3, nb 18)	35
Total	325

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-11, 3-76, 4-87, 5-96, 6-114, 7-185, 8-194, 9-235.

BOWLING: Thomas 20-0-109-3, Ellis 5-1-22-1; Preece 16-1-80-2; Leatherdale 16-2-75-4; Amjad 4-0-25-0

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 77 (G Gilder 8 for 22)

Second Innings

W P C Weston c Boje b Smith	17
M J Church c sub b Smith	31
K R Spiring c Liebenberg b Gilder	4
V S Solanki lbw b Gilder	29
D A Leatherdale c sub b Pringle	73
J T Ralph c Liebenberg b Pringle	0
*†*S J Rhodes lbw b Pringle*	51
S W K Ellis b Pringle	13
P A Thomas c Gibbs b Smith	1
M Amjad c sub b Smith	7
B E A Preece not out	3
Extras (b 18, lb 7, w 2, nb 22)	49
Total	278

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-34, 3-54, 4-98, 5-107, 6-232, 7-259, 8-260, 9-268.

BOWLING: Gilder 19.3-5-43-2; Smith 25-5-70-4; Pringle 27-6-90-4; Adams 5-1-12-0; Crookes 1-0-7-0; Gibbs 4-0-15-0; *Boje 3-0-16-0*.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and N G Cowley.

TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Surrey (12)	12	6	1	5	37	44	192
Leics (7)	12	6	1	5	39	41	191
Essex (5)	12	6	2	4	41	39	188
Kent (18)	*12*	*6*	*1*	*5*	*35*	*39*	*185*
Derbyshire (14)	12	6	2	4	38	39	185
Yorkshire (8)	12	6	4	2	37	38	177
Middlesex (2)	12	5	5	2	23	42	151
Sussex (15)	12	5	5	2	23	39	148
Warwicks (1)	11	5	4	2	25	35	146
Somerset (9)	11	4	4	3	23	42	138
Glamorgan (16)	11	4	4	3	35	26	134
Worcs (10)	11	3	3	5	28	40	131
Hampshire (13)	11	3	5	3	27	38	122
Gloucs (6)	12	2	5	5	14	42	103
Lancashire (4)	11	1	4	6	32	31	97
Northants (3)	12	1	6	5	26	39	96
Notts (11)	11	1	5	5	27	35	93
Durham (17)	13	0	9	4	19	48	79

(Last season's positions in brackets)

FIXTURES

CRICKET

NatWest Trophy
Semi-finals
10.30, 60 overs
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Yorkshire
THE OVAL: Surrey v Essex

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of three): South Shields CC: Durham v Middlesex; Wickford: Essex v Yorkshire; Folkestone: Kent v Gloucestershire; Liverpool: Lancashire v Derbyshire; *Oakham School: Leicestershire v Sussex*; Worksop College: Nottinghamshire v Hampshire; Solihull CC: Warwickshire v Surrey.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two). Dunstable: Bedfordshire v Cumbria; Hertford: Hertfordshire v Lincolnshire; Cowley: Oxfordshire v Herefordshire; Penarth: Wales v Dorset; Marlborough CC: Wiltshire v Berkshire; (first day of two): Netherfield: Cumberland v Suffolk.

NAYC UNDER-19 FESTIVAL: Group A: Yorkshire v Bedfordshire (Pembroke College, Cambridge); Northamptonshire v Cumbria (Trinity Hall); Group B: Warwickshire v Suffolk (Downing); *Nottinghamshire v Huntingdonshire (Clare); Group C:* Lancashire v Norfolk (King's), Durham v Lincolnshire (Emmanuel); Group D: Kent v Cambridgeshire (Churchill), Leicestershire v Cheshire (Fenners).

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Scottish Coca-Cola Cup
Second round
Airdrie v Raith
Brechin v Hibernian
Dundee v Dumbarton
East Fife v St Johnstone
Falkirk v Albion
Greenock Morton v Hamilton
Kilmarnock v Ayr
Motherwell v Alloa (7.45)
Partick v Forfar
Queen's Park v Aberdeen
St Mirren v Berwick
Stirling v Dundee Utd

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Aldershot Tn v Millwall (7.45); Altrincham v Huddersfield *(7.0); Dagenham and Red v Orient; Enfield v* Bournemouth (7.45), Northampton v Arsenal (7.45); Northwich v Tranmere; Wycombe v Birmingham (7.45); Lancaster v Burnley. Manchester United v Internazionale (8.0).

WILKINSON SWORD LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Ards v Crusaders; H and W Welders v Carrick; Portadown v Newry; Loughgall v Linfield, Coleraine v Glenavon, Ballyclare v Omagh.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Women's world outdoor championships (at Leamington Spa).

GOLF: Irish amateur championship (at Royal County Down).

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THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
Jupiter Travel Limited
-In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation-

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I, Raymond Hocking, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of BDO Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London, W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 23 July 1996. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.

All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.

Dated: 23 July 1996
R Hocking
Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 27th August 1996 at 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.

Dated this 8th day of August 1996

In the Matter of Leyland Trucks (Realisations) Limited (In Administrative Receivership)
In the Matter of Leyland DAF Limited (In Administrative Receivership)
In the Matter of Leyland DAF International Limited (In Administrative Receivership)
In the Matter of DAF International Limited (In Administrative Receivership)
In the Matter of the Insolvency Act and Rules 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 I, Christopher John Hughes of Coopers & Lybrand, Plumtree Court, London EC4A 4HT and David Julian Buchler of Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF give notice that on 24 July 1996 we were appointed joint liquidators of the above named companies (In Administrative Receivership) by resolutions of members and creditors. Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named companies which are being voluntarily wound up, are required on or before the 28 August 1996 to send in their full names and addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any) to Christopher John Hughes of Coopers & Lybrand, Plumtree Court London EC4A 4HT, the joint Liquidator of the said companies and, if so required by notice in writing from the joint Liquidators are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.

Dated: 24 July 1996
Christopher John Hughes and David Julian Buchler
Joint Liquidators

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TRADESCANNING LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 Insolvency Rules 1986 I, Richard Ian Williamson of Campbell Crossley & Davis, 348/350 Lytham Road, Blackpool, FY4 1DW, give notice that on 17th July 1996 I was appointed liquidator of Tradescanning Limited by resolution of its members. This was confirmed by creditors at a meeting held on 1st August 1996.

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before Friday 6th September 1996 to send in writing their full names, addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Richard Ian Williamson A.C.A. of Campbell Crossley and Davis, 348/350 Lytham Road, Blackpool, FY4 1DW the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by Notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such Notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated 1st August 1996
RICHARD IAN WILLIAMSON,
Liquidator

Sba (Hastings) Limited
Company Number: 2960696
Trading name: Sba Health, Fitness and Beauty Club
Nature of business: Health Club
Trade classification: 839
Date of appointment of Administrative Receiver: 7th August 1996
Name of persons appointing Administrative Receiver: Attendus Treuhandgesellschaft
Administrative Receiver: James Robert Austin of Lane Heywood Davis, Anchor Brewhouse, 50 Shad Thames, Tower Bridge City, Tower Bridge, London SE1 2YB, (Office holder number 1531)

PUBLIC NOTICES

MARJORIE BROWNING DICK DECEASED. Would any person having information relating to the Angelic Order of Life please contact Mr. T.L. Keats of Messrs. Preston & Redman, Solicitors of Hinton House, Hinton Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH1 2EN.

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CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity: The Adelaide Litten Trust Funds
Schedule for the Regulation of the Charity
Reference: DNB-8592-CD(Ldn)

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Charities: 1. Save the Victory Fund 2. The Macpherson C E Fund
Scheme including the appointment of Trustees
Reference: TG-8378-CD(Ldn)

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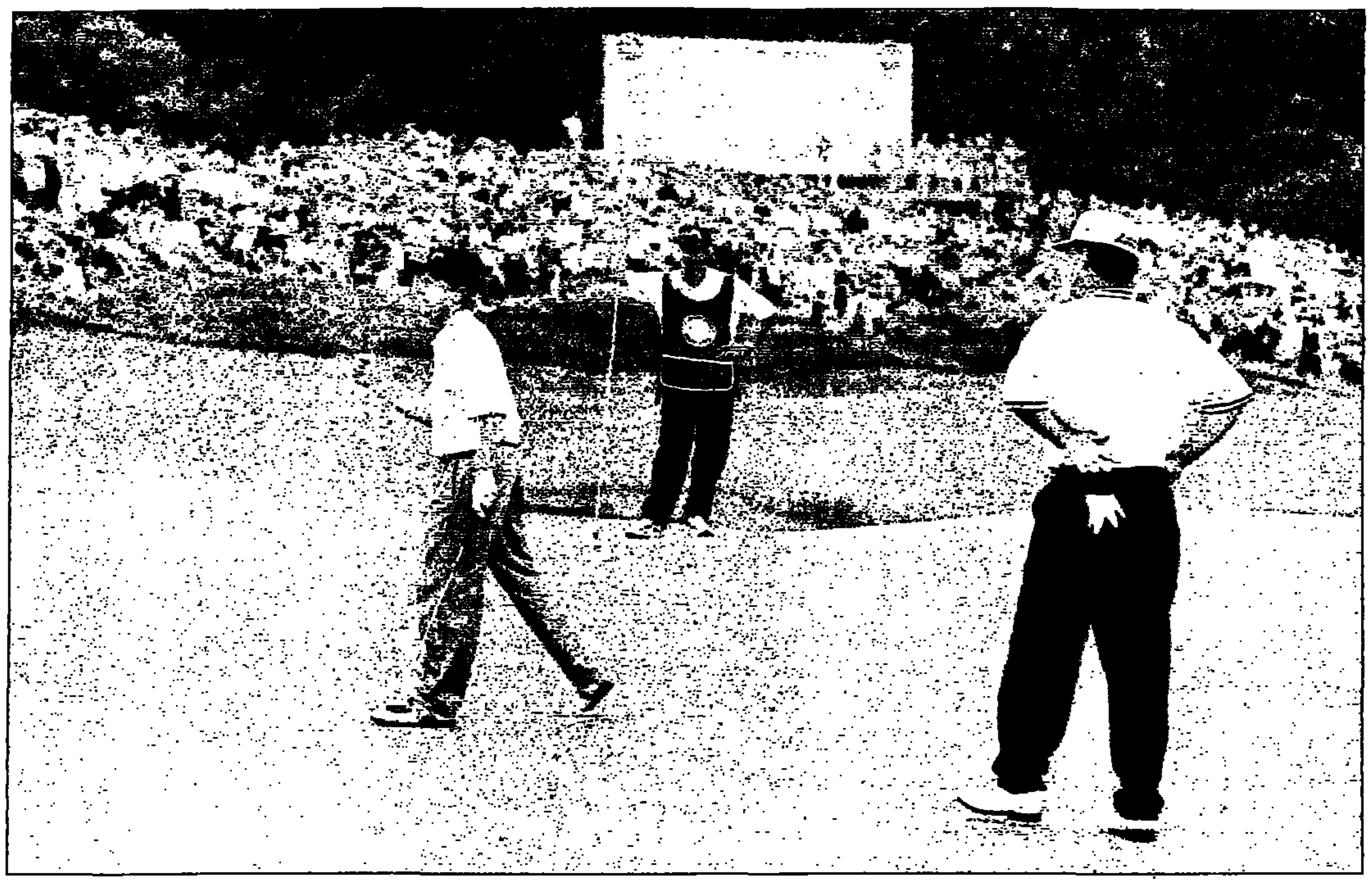
GOLF: DOUGHTY TEXAN TAKES ADVANTAGE OF RIVAL'S OVER-CONFIDENCE TO CLAIM HIS FIRST MAJOR

Brooks displays mark of champion

By John Hopkins
Golf Correspondent
in Louisville, Kentucky



Brooks punches the air in celebration after beating Perry in the play-off for the US PGA title. Photograph: David Cannon / Allsport

ONCE you know that Mark Brooks, the new US PGA champion, is Texan, certain other facts fall into place. It follows, for example, that he hits the ball low and is a doughty, tough competitor because Texans who grew up playing golf in the wind almost always are. Just look at Ben Hogan, Byron Nelson and Lee Trevino. They all shared that essential Texan characteristic of thinking themselves better than anyone else and then quite often going out and demonstrating it.

So it was no surprise on Sunday afternoon that Brooks, who had led for three holes midway through the final round, should hoist himself back into a tie with Kenny Perry with a birdie at the 72nd hole at Valhalla Golf Club before birdying it again 20 minutes later to defeat Perry. That is what tough Texans do — they do what is necessary to get the job done without any fanfare and frolics. Then they sit there, as Brooks did after his victory, without a flicker of expression on his face and say: "I am very happy."

Brooks, 35, became the fifteenth different winner of the past 16 major championships, the third thirty-something this year to win his first major championship, after Steve Jones, 37, in the US Open and Tom Lehman, 37, the Open champion. It was his third victory in the United States this year and it was no real surprise. He had also finished third in the 1995 Open and fifth this year.

It takes time to get to know Brooks. He comes from Fort Worth and even other Texans acknowledge such men as slightly less talkative and unemotional than the rest. His wife is named Cynthia and he is probably the only professional on the US Tour who lists cooking as a recreation.

Brooks's father was a minister, who died of cancer. This does not make Brooks a born-again Christian, as are Jones and Lehman, but, rather, a God-fearing man who does not bother anyone with his religious beliefs and is tolerant and understanding of the vicissitudes of life. For some years now, he has hosted a golf tournament in memory of his father and given the proceeds to Brooks House, which provides counselling for troubled adolescents.

The events late on Sunday afternoon not only told us a lot about Brooks; they also taught us a few more things you are not supposed to do when you are about to win a major championship. In recent years, Ed Sneed, Severiano Ballesteros, of all people, and Jesper Parnevik have each demonstrated how to lose a championship that they ought to have won.

In the 1979 Masters, Ed Sneed walked off the 69th green at Augusta National Golf Club with a three-stroke lead and thought to himself: "It is impossible not to win." He dropped shots at each of the last three holes and lost the play-off to Fuzzy Zoeller.

In the fourth round of the 1986 Masters, Ballesteros's second shot on the 13th rolled to within a few feet of the flag, setting up the eagle that would put him in the lead. As he approached the green, his brother Vicente, who was caddying for him, walked alongside, waving to the crowd as if the Masters was as good as won. Two holes later, Ballesteros yanked a four-iron into the water and Jack Nicklaus won the Masters.

In the 1994 Open, Jesper Parnevik held a three-stroke lead over Nick Price moments after he had driven on the 72nd hole. He did not know this because he had not looked at any leaderboards and, thinking he had to birdie the 18th, or at worst make par, he was too aggressive with his second shot. He missed the green and took a five and Nick Price went on to win.

To these solecisms, or demonstrations of hubris, can be added that you do not do as Perry did on Sunday afternoon and walk from the 71st green to the 72nd tee exchanging high-fives with spectators — even if, or perhaps because, you hold a two-stroke lead. You do not hit your drive from the 72nd tee without having looked at the scoreboards to know precisely what your rivals are doing. And, lastly, having finished your round, you do not go and commentate on television on the efforts of your rivals to catch you — and then find, when one does, that you have no time left to warm up for the play-off.

The fact that Perry made these mistakes suggests that he was not major championship material anyway. Brooks would have taken himself off somewhere to watch his rivals and then gone to the driving range to hit some balls so that his eye was in at the start of the play-off. But that is the difference between the two men. That is is why Brooks is the champion and Perry merely a runner-up.

LEADING FINAL SCORES

United States unless stated

277: M Brooks 68, 70, 69, 70; K Perry 66, 72, 71, 68. *Brooks won play-off at first extra hole.* 278: T Tolles 69, 71, 71, 67; S Elkington (Aus) 67, 74, 67, 70. 279: J Leonard 71, 66, 72, 70; J Parnevik (Swe) 73, 67, 69, 70; V Singh (Fiji) 69, 69, 69, 72. 280: F Nobilo (NZ) 69, 72, 71, 68; P-U Johansson (Swe) 73, 72, 66, 69; L Mize 71, 70, 69, 70; L Janzen 68, 71, 71, 70; N Price (Zim) 68, 71, 69, 72; P Mickelson 67, 67, 74, 72. 281: J Sindelar 73, 72, 69, 67; T Lehman 71, 71, 69, 70; M Brisky 71, 69, 69, 72. 282: T Watson 69, 71, 73, 69; B Faxon 72, 68, 73, 69; D A Weibring 71, 73, 71, 67; J Furyk 70, 70, 73, 69; D Edwards 69, 71, 72, 70; G Norman (Aus) 68, 72, 69, 73; R Cochran 68, 72, 65, 77. 283: E Aubrey 69, 74, 72, 68; M A Jiménez (Sp) 71, 71, 71, 70. 284: S Stricker 73, 72, 72, 67; F Funk 73, 69, 73, 69; M O'Meara 71, 70, 74, 69; C Pavin 71, 74, 70, 69; C Strange 73, 70, 68, 73. 285: P Azinger 70, 75, 71, 69; M Bradley 73, 72, 70, 70; P Burke 71, 72, 69, 73; T Herron 71, 73, 68, 73; J Haas 72, 71, 69, 73. 286: I Woosnam (GB) 68, 72, 75, 71; F Zoeller 76, 67, 72, 71; M Calcavecchia 70, 74, 70, 72; D Ogrin 75, 70, 68, 73; R Mediate 71, 72, 67, 76. 287: F Couples 68, 74, 71, 74; D Duval 74, 69, 73, 71; G Morgan 72, 72, 72, 71; J Sluman 72, 72, 72, 71; G Day 72, 73, 70, 72; J Morse 74, 69, 72, 72. 288: J Cook 69, 75, 74, 70; P Stankowski 70, 75, 71, 72; P Blackmar 71, 74, 71, 72; S McCarron 69, 72, 74, 73; B Watts 70, 71, 71, 76. 289: B Boyd 71, 71, 75, 72; C Rocca (It) 72, 72, 73, 72; J Gallagher Jr 73, 70, 74, 72; L Rinker 72, 73, 71, 73; A Cejka (Ger) 71, 74, 72, 72; J Adams 72, 71, 75, 71; N Lancaster 71, 72, 73, 73; T Nakajima (Japan) 73, 72, 69, 75; B Mayfair 73, 71, 71, 74. 290: E Els (SA) 74, 68, 79, 69; M Wiebe 73, 72, 75, 70; S Hoch 72, 72, 74, 72; D Forsman 76, 69, 71, 74. Other scores: 291: W Grady (Aus) 74, 67, 78, 72; N Faldo (GB) 69, 75, 74, 73. 292: B Crenshaw 74, 71, 73, 74; P Stewart 73, 70, 73, 76. 295: B Langer (Ger) 73, 72, 78, 72. 298: H Clark (GB) 73, 72, 75, 78

Brooks: kisses his prize

Shapcott unable to emulate McGinley's excellence

By Patricia Davies

PAUL McGINLEY, the new Austrian Open golf champion, was one of the star attractions at Woburn yesterday. For self-evident reasons, the Irishman was spared having to qualify for the Weetabix Women's British Open but he was on hand to provide moral support for Allison Shapcott, his fiancée, and his inspiration very nearly rubbed off.

A round of 73, level par, on the Duke's Course earned Shapcott a place in an eight-woman play-off and, after seven extra holes, she ended up as second reserve for the championship, which starts on Thursday. How she could have done with McGinley's closing 62, nine under par, in Litschau on Sunday.

It is no mean feat to qualify these days, with 139 players vying for the 12 places available on each course and the scoring generally respectable. On the Duchess, par was not good enough, with four people playing off on 73, one under. Mandy Sutton, of England, was the one to miss out, but she is on stand-by as first reserve.

Helen Wadsworth, Kathryn Marshall, Joanne Mills and Maria Hjorth were all scheduled to play yesterday but they were able to luxuriate in a day off after qualifying via the McDonald's WPGA Championship at Gleneagles on Sunday.

Spare a thought for Sarah Bennett, the Essex woman who would have joined the exempt quartet if she had had a par instead of a triple bogey seven at the 13th on the King's Course in the last round. She had to make the trek from Perthshire to Woburn, to tee off at 8am on the Duke's and it proved too much: she returned to the drawing board with an 82.

Stephanie Lowe, born in Cheshire but now based in the United States, proved a better traveller, coping with a transatlantic flight with apparent ease. She flew in yesterday morning, teed off a few hours later, and a round of 72, one under par, on the Duke's was her reward.

WOBURN QUALIFIERS (GB and Ire unless stated): Duchess Course: 69: Li Wen-Lin (Taiwan), N Harvey (Can), M Madill. 70: B Pestana (SA). 71: E Knuth (Sp). 72: R Nugent, T Abitbol (Sp), P Rigby-Jinglov (Swe), F Pike (Aus). 73: C Duffy, M Adamson (SA), S Head, M Sutton. Duffy, Adamson and Head qualified after play-off; Sutton is first reserve. Duke's Course: 68: P Sterner (Swe). 70: M Hageman (Holl). 71: L Jensen (US), F Purser (Aus). 72: F Yamazaki (Japan), N Buxton, S Lowe, M De Boer (Holl), M Arruti-Borda (Sp). 73: S Farron (NZ), L Ericsson (Swe), K Speak, A Shapcott, H Dobson, M McKinlay, C Schmitt (Fr), M Sakamoto (Can). Farron, Ericsson and Speak qualified after play-off; Shapcott is second reserve

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COMPANY GOLF DAYS RESULTS

The four top scorers in the individual Stableford competitions played on the company golf days listed below now comprise the company team eligible to qualify for a regional final.

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30 JUL	MICROSOFT LIMITED S HARVEY 35 • A JONES 30 • C YOUNG 41 • P FRANCIS 43	EAST SUSSEX NATIONAL	149
1 AUG	LOMBARD D FITCH 38 R BELLAMY 36 • J BARTON 38 • M GALBRAITH 37	NEW ZEALAND	149
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2 AUG	BAIN HOGG A KEATES 33 P CAMPBELL 32 G SNELGROVE 31 M PEARSON 31	COPTHORNE	127
4 AUG	ZET INSURANCE SERVICES LTD C CONSTANTINOU 41 A JONES 38 D LAIT 43 M MORGAN 39	THE SHROPSHIRE	161
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Challenge draws crowd

By Mel Webb

THERE is good news from the tournament office of *The Times* MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge. With the arrival of the peak season for entries, 775 companies have already registered their golf days with the event, a figure that gives every indication that the Challenge is heading for a record-breaking year.

"We are now in the main booking period," John Mitchell, the event director, said yesterday. "If the pattern of the first three years of the Challenge is repeated, we have probably got about 75 per cent of our entries in by now — and that is marvellous news for the rest of the season."

The high quality of the Challenge — an amateur event run to the most rigorous professional standards — means that almost without exception the entrants from last season will be back. A good number of the 750-odd companies that played in the competition last year have already entered for this year's event.

One of the Challenge's most potent recruiting aids has been the strength of business networking. "A couple of years ago people could have been forgiven for not knowing about the event," Mitchell said. "I would be prepared to bet that very few companies that hold golf days in the British Isles will not have heard of it now. I estimate that probably 30 per cent of our entries are directly attributable to word of mouth."

The key factor behind the competition's continued growth is its simplicity. The added value that registration with the Challenge represents is simply enormous.

Corporate golf days have always been pleasant ways to thank clients and staff for their business and their loyalty but, once held, the memory of them fades rapidly. If the day is registered with the Challenge, that memory is naturally extended as players examine the sports pages of *The Times* to see if the score of their four best players in the golf day is still in contention for a place in the regional final series in October.

"It is hard to see why any company or business would not enter the Challenge," Mitchell said. "One of the strengths of the competition is that the team representing the company is selected on merit, and not simply picked and paid for like some other competitions in this country.

"This means that there is an opportunity for everybody playing in the golf day to compete for a place in the team that will contend for a place in the regional finals."

The concept behind the Challenge is simple. The host company holds an 18-hole Stableford competition off seven-eighths handicap, and the leading four players, one of whom must be an employee of the host company, make up the score that will be forwarded to the Challenge offices.

The leading 25 teams in each of 12 regions will go into the regional finals, the winners of which then go on to play in the national final in front of the Sky Sports cameras at the Hyatt La Manga Club Resort in southeast Spain in November.

For the winners, the glory does not stop there. For the first time this year, they will then go forward to represent the British Isles in the World Corporate Golf Challenge, to be held on one of the world's great courses in the spring of 1997.

Details of registration for the Challenge can be obtained from the tournament office on 0171 436 3415.

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WORD-WATCHING

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MUNDUNGUS

(c) Evil-smelling tobacco. Not, as you might nose it, from *dung*, but from *mondongo*, the Spanish for tripe. An obsolete archaism largely unknown today, but worth a revival as a synonym for pipe tobacco. When your pipe-smoking colleague enters your neck of the open plan, you say: "Ah, still enjoying the old mundungus, Alan?" He cuts his visit short in order to go and look up the word while he can still remember it. While you look up the next pedantic insult.

VELLICATE

(b) To twitch or cause to twitch, from the Latin word. "There is no need for all that vellication, Tim. Mother does not visit us very often. And it's the only opportunity she gets to listen to all her Cliff Richards records on a really good stereo system."

DASYPHYLLOUS

(a) Having crowded, thick or woolly leaves, from the Greek for "with shaggy leaves". Applying anthropomorphism to this pompous botanical epithet, we could so characterise a purpose-clad skier in full fig and fixtures.

REDHIBITION

***(a) The nullification of a sale because of defect(s) in the article(s) sold.* A possible reply when the vicar asks you whether you will take this person to be your lawful wedded spouse. "Are there redhibition rights in this contract. Only joking, dearest!"**

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Rc5! dxc5 (1 ... Qd8 2 Rxe5! leads to the same scenario) 2 Bxe5 and the black rooks are forked and White emerges a piece ahead.

RADIO CHOICE

Rediscovery of America

Being American. *Radio 4, 8.30pm.*

One sentence, not by him, in Simon Parkes's report sums up what goes on inside the "real" American, not the television soap or movie stereotype. A slogan on a school wall in the Rio Grande Valley says: "You can't spell success without a YOU." Parkes discovers that there are church-led organisations throughout the United States that are encouraging self-disadvantaging people to throw off the belief that "I'm not on TV, therefore I'm not real". Put more positively, the campaigners' aim is to narrow the gap between American creed as embodied in the Declaration of Independence and American action. Their iron rule is "never do for others what they can do for themselves" — a social code that will not recommend itself to every unquestioning do-gooder.

BBC Proms 1996. *Radio 3, 7.30pm.*

For Barry Tuckwell, the best-known horn player in the country, tonight is hail and farewell night — "hail" because he gives the first London performance of a new horn concerto by Oliver Knussen and "farewell" because this will be his last performance on a concert platform. From now on, he will concentrate on what he has already begun to do — conducting and some teaching. He recalls the past and contemplates the future when interviewed by Chris de Souza (8.20pm). He will also perform Mozart's Horn Concerto No 3. The orchestra is the Philharmonia.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo **6.30am** Chris Evans **9.00** Kevin Greening **11.30** Radio 1 Roadshow, live from the Esplanade in Exmouth **12.30pm** Lisa I'Anson **00** Dave Pearce **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Cling Film **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Claire Sturgess **4.00am** Clive Warren

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Judi Spiers **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hayes over Britain **8.30** Bob Holness and Friends **9.00** I Wanna Tell You a Story. Max Bygraves celebrates his 50 years in show business **10.00** Thicker than Water. Sarah Kennedy talks to the Falklands War veteran Simon Weston, OBE, and his mother Pauline Hatfield **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Sue McGarry **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl **12.35pm** Moneycheck, with Katie Derham **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Nationwide, incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** Sports Bulletin **7.35** Inside Edge, with Rob Bonnett. Includes the Business of Sport: Sport and Sporting Science **9.05** Any Sporting Questions? **10.05** News Talk, with Nigel Cassidy **10.35** Radio 5 Live at the Fringe, with Janice Forsyth **11.00** Night Extra **12.05am** After Hours **1.05** The Race for the White House **4.05** Up All Night, with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** *Sports Zone* **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST.** News on the hour. **5.30am** Europe Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Anything Goes **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** Exit — *Pursued by a Bear* **9.15** Thirty-Minute Drama **9.45** Good Books **10.05** Business **10.15** Brain of Britain **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.30pm** Meridian Feature **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Letters from Britain **1.45** Beyond the Millennium **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.05** Sports Roundup **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.10** World Today **6.25** Voicebox **6.30** News in German **7.30** Letters from Britain **7.45** Beyond the Millennium **9.01** Proms '96 **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** Megamix **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian Feature **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sports Roundup News **12.10am** Voicebox **12.15** Your Questions of Faith **12.30** Megamix **1.30** Folk Routes **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Words of Faith **3.30** Meridian **4.15** Sports Roundup **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Nick Bailey **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto. Dittersdorf (Viola Concerto in F major) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Newsnight **6.30** Sonata. Nicholas Etienne Mehul (Piano Sonata in A minor) **7.00** The Opera Guide **8.00** Evening Concert. Ireland (A London Overture; Orchestral Poem in A minor); Brahms (A German Requiem) **10.00** Michael Mappin, incl **11.35** Nocturne **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyte *(FM) / Robin Banks (AM)* **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Randal Lee Rose

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Presented by Penny Gore. Includes Ravel (Valses nobles et sentimentales); Benjamin Dale (Impromtu, Op 3, Night Fancies); Locke (Music for His Majesty's Sagbutts and Cornetts); Stenhammer (Incidental music: Chitra); Rossini (Nizza; L'ame delaissee; Canzonetta spagnuola); Robert White (Magnificat)

9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Includes Bach (Violin Concerto in E, BWV 1042); Villa-Lobos (Viola Quedrada); Strauss (Also sprach Zarathustra)

10.00 Musical Encounters. Introduced by Nicola Heywood Thomas. Includes Handel (Hercules, excerpt); Kreisler (Praeludium und Allegro) **10.10** *Proms Artist of the Week*: Judith Howarth, soprano. Walton (Troilus and Cressida, excerpt) **10.30** Schumann (Arabeske); Brahms (Symphony No 1 in C minor) **11.25** Mozart (Ave verum corpus); Prokofiev (National Dance, Romeo and Juliet); Walton (Troilus and Cressida, excerpt); Rossini (Wind Quartet No 2)

12.00 ***Composer of the Week:* Beethoven**

1.00 Guildhall String Ensemble at Douai Abbey. Recorded last year. Robert Salter, violin, Paul Nicholson, organ. Includes works by Mozart, Mendelssohn, Handel, David Lang and Wiren

2.25 Ensemble. Introduced by Paul Hindmarsh. Janet Hilton, clarinet, Bernard Gregor-Smith, cello, Yolande Wrigley, piano. Weber (Seven Variations from Silvana, Op 33); Onslow (Cello Sonata in C minor, Op 16 No 2) (r)

3.10 The BBC Orchestras. The BBC National Orchestra of Wales, under Tadaaki Otaka. With Margaret Price, soprano, and Tasmin Little, violin. Haydn (Cantata: Berenice, che fai); Mendelssohn (Violin Concerto in E minor); Mahler (Symphony No 4)

5.00 The Music Machine, with Kit Hesketh-Harvey

5.15 In Tune. Introduced by Jeremy Nicholas. Includes Fauré, arr Kulling (Souvenirs de Bayreuth); Glinka, arr Balakirev (Reminiscences of A Life of the Tsar); Shostakovich (Symphony No 9)

7.30 BBC Proms 1996. See Choice

9.40 Cultural Baggage: The Sofa (2/4) (r)

10.05 Handel and Paradies. Robert Wooley plays the Kirkman harpsichord at Berrington Hall, near Leominster. Handel (Suite No 6 in F sharp minor, HWV 431), Paradies (Sonata No 6 in A), Handel (Suite No 5 in E, HWV 430)

10.45 Down the Dirt Road: The Life and Music of Charlie Patton. Russell Davies travels to Chicago and the Mississippi Delta in search for stories of the life of one of the great bluesmen (r)

11.30 Composer Of the Week: Stravinsky (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes, with Richard Niles

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes **2.15** berio, Liszt and Brahms

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (**LW** only) **6.00** News Briefing incl Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** The Changing Forest (2/5) **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 0171-580 4444

10.00 News; Journeys to the Ice (FM). Haydn Price takes on the ultimate voyage and travels to Antarctica

10.00 Daily Service (LW)

10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.30 Woman's Hour

10.30 Cricket: Natwest Trophy Semi-Finals (LW). Coverage of the games between Yorkshire and Lancashire at Old Trafford and Surrey and Essex at the Oval

11.30 Medicine Now (FM), with Geoff Watts

12.00 News; You and Yours (FM), with Leslie Riddoch

12.25pm Cross Questioned (FM). Caroline Quentin hosts the last in the series of the panel game inspired by crosswords **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.20 Cricket: Natwest Trophy Semi-Finals (LW)

1.40 The Archers (FM) (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; The Deep Season: Soundings (FM). Jonathan Raban introduces a personal anthology of the greatest writing on the sea (2/3)

2.00 Cricket: Natwest Trophy Semi-Finals (LW)

2.30 Dancing for a Living (FM). Lynne Walker talks to the dancer Ann Emery (6/6)

3.00 The Afternoon Shift (FM).

4.00 News (FM) 4.05 Kaleidoscope (FM). A report from the Edinburgh Festival on a production of *Elsinore* — a variation on Shakespeare's *Hamlet*

4.45 Short Story: An Alternative Romance (FM). Susie Maguire reads Iris Doyle's story

5.00 PM (FM) 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather

5.55 Cricket: Natwest Trophy Semi-Finals (LW)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (FM)

6.30 A Whole New Ball Game (FM). Martin Davies's comedy about football, faith and family (3/6) (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 File on 4, with Julian O'Halloran

8.00 Science Now, with Alun Lewis (r)

8.30 Being American. See Choice

9.00 In Touch. Peter White with news, views and information for visually impaired people

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Owen Bennett Jones

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Washington Square, by Henry James. Read by Tom Wilkinson (2/10) (r)

11.00 Mediumwave (r)

11.30 Mirrored in Music. The pianist Emanuel Ax talks about the character and spirit of the USA (2/6) (r)

12.00 News incl **12.27am** approx Weather

12.30 The Late Book: The Secret History. William Hope reads Donna Tartt's bestselling thriller (12/15) **12.48** Shipping Forecast

1.00 As World Service

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Take your partners for a dance and for life

REVIEW

Peter Barnard

Both of my feet are fluent, but not at the *same time*. This has restricted my dancing career: I have friends who can remember all five minutes of it. Dancing was taught at *my grammar* school, but so was algebra. My head never grasped 6 + x = 13, my feet never conquered the waltz.

That seemed not to matter as a teenager, when dancing only involved being in the same building as the girl. I could manage that, most of the time. But it appears from **Strictly Dancing** (Channel 4) that couples are back, which means that I am not.

This promises to be a fascinating series, even for me. Especially for me. Dancing on television is much like cookery: just because the opening instruction "separate an egg" involves an unconquerable skill, there is no reason to run for cover. Mystery enchants.

The first in this six-part series was about ceroc, or "C'est Le Roc" as it was originally called. Ceroc, which derives from jitterbug and jive, attracts 1,500 people a week to classes in London. I expect it will soon be an Olympic sport.

The programme included some separate-an-egg bits, but not enough to put one off. "Man steps in, placing woman's right hand *behind* his head". Yes, got that. But later: "Man turns woman anticlockwise behind his back, catching her spare hand behind him". *Er... Reviewer places* hand on top of head, starts scratching, dislocates shoulder.

Ceroc is mostly danced to uptempo music *from the 1940s and* 1950s and is not associated with stimulants. A Rave, it ain't. A participant explained that the social side involved "mostly soft drinks", because ceroc requires "a lot of spinning". The dance has also bred a subculture, with its own argot.

Ceroc has one thing in common with *other dances*. As Bernard Shaw put it: "Dancing is a perpendicular expression of a horizontal desire." Or as Afrakuma Bannerman, a psychologist and ceroc-er (cerocodist?), said in the programme: "It's a dance that involves a lot of interesting, flirtatious getting-to-know-each-other, it's extremely sexual and exciting and very passionate."

The ceroc age range is said to be 18 to 35, a mere bagatelle to the couples in **Modern Times: Years Apart** (BBC2). The classic cautionary tale about what *can happen when a middle-aged* person gets involved with young person has a man saying: "Where were you when Kennedy was shot?" The incredulous girl replies: "Ted Kennedy was shot!?"

The oddity about the three couples last night was that none of them emphasised this often-fatal lack of a shared history, the absence of the reference points that litter conversation between people of roughly the same age.

Perhaps it doesn't matter. These couples had been together for several years, ten in one case. They were Michael, 50 and Veneta, 18, Stephen, 28, and Virginia, 56, Kathryn, 17 and Alan, 44. As usual with the infuriating *Modern Times* habit of not using narration, one needed investigative reporting techniques to work out more than the barest details.

The barest details of Veneta were easiest to uncover: she is a *stripper. But Stephen and Virginia* were the most interesting pair. Virginia is a year older than Stephen's mother, who is not reconciled to the relationship. Stephen could scarce care less: "If anything upsets us we say bye-bye to it, because I'm spending the rest of my married life with Virginia, not my mother".

Virginia says that "we are alone in our own little world", what Stephen calls their "love bubble". They frequently kiss while pushing a trolley round the supermarket: it was enough to melt the heart of a frozen cabbage.

Stephen brought Virginia tea in bed, where he read her extracts from the newspapers. I suppose all this should be touching, but I had the sense *that* this was a relationship wearing kid gloves, with its *exterior walls hermetically sealed* against intruders.

The young women seemed far more relaxed and assured about *their relationships than the* older men. And less inclined to self-justification. Alan said: "I think we are of a very similar age as far as souls are concerned." Soul matery sounds a bit of a last resort.

Still, forget hair clinics, chaps, Veneta is a cure for baldness. Mike had age spots on the back of his hands and was losing his hair before he met Veneta. Now the hair is growing back and the spots have gone. About the only way Mike could lose Veneta is if she becomes available on prescription.

Geoff Schumann used to be a schoolteacher, but one night, at a venue for black comedians, he went on stage. Now he is a comedian. **The Day That Changed My Life: Funny Business** (BBC2) featured him on stage *and off. Its best aspect was in the* area of parental expectation.

The last people to hear about the career change were Schumann's family. They were not amused. "My son the schoolteacher", as Schumann's sister put it, had become "my son the struggling comic". Schumann's father was more sad than angry, perhaps more bewildered than either.

The "black comedy" circuit is a small one and will stay small, given the number of black comedians who said in the programme that playing white venues was a sell-out if it involved adjusting the material.

Schumann, who has appeared at The Comedy Store and on television in *The Real McCoy*, clearly has talent and is happy. Long hours touting for business and performing have strained the relationship with his partner, but a love bubble with a slow puncture isn't the end of the world. Is it?

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (95313) **7.00 BBC Breakfast News** (Ceefax) (59771) **9.00 Breakfast News Extra** (Ceefax) (2936313)

9.20 **Delia Smith's Summer Collection** (7553684)

9.50 **Gourmet Ireland** (5997684)

10.20 **FILM: Trouble in Store** (1953, b/w) with *Norman Wisdom. Wisdom plays* a department store clerk whose ambition is to be a window-dresser Directed by John Paddy Carstairs (8654313)

11.50 **Lifetimes in a Day** (8724665)

12.00 **News** (Ceefax) (1689400)

12.05pm **The Alphabet Game** (4922503)

12.35 **Neighbours** (Ceefax) (s) (6760706)

1.00 **One O 'Clock News** *(Ceefax) (33058)*

1.30 **Regional News** (42971955)

1.40 **Small Talk** (58083961) **2.10 Lovejoy** (1407941) **3.05 Knots Landing** (4224348)

3.50 **Cricket**(535329)

5.35 **Neighbours.** Much to Philip's surprise, Jen confesses all(r) (Ceefax) (s) (812936)

6.00 **Six O'Clock News** (Ceefax)(936)

6.30 **Regional News magazines** (416)

7.00 **Watchdog: Value for Money** (Ceefax) (s) (6077)

7.30 **EastEnders.** David faces some tough questioning from Joe. Felix takes Sonia's little problem to heart. Ruth faces a terrible dilemma at the nursery. With Michael French and Natalie Cassidy *(Ceefax) (s) (400)*

8.00 **Dawn to Dusk Safari: Airborne in the Serengeti.** *Jonathan Scott's Africa safari takes to the air for a trip across Tanzania's magnificent wilderness,* the Serengeti (9597)

8.30 **Goodnight Sweetheart: Nice Work If You Can Get It.** Gary's new career as a 1940s entertainer is taking off. But can he stand the strain of two opening nights in two different eras? With Nicholas Lyndhurst, Dervla Kirwan and Michelle Holmes (4232)

9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** (Ceefax) regional news and weather (2042)

9.30 **Out of This World.** Carol Vorderman and Chris Choi explore the paranormal. Chris goes in search of big cats in the British countryside (788145)

10.15 **FILM: Jumpin' Jack Flash** (1986) with Whoopi Goldberg. Computer processor Terri Dolittle is plunged into a web of *intrigue involving a* sinister repairman, played by James Belushi, a crippled diplomat, played by Roscoe Lee Browne, and another spy, played by Jeroen Krabbe Directed by Penny Marshall (334936)

11.55 **FILM: Crossing Delancey** (1988) with Amy Irving and Peter Riegert. Romantic comedy about a New York bookshop *manager* who, despite protesting that she is not looking for a husband, finds herself courted by a charming and sophisticated author and by Sam Posner, the owner of a local pickle business. Adapted by *Susan Sandler from her own stage play.* Directed by Joan Micklin Silver (810706)

1.30am **Weather** (6817559)

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BBC2

6.00am **Open University: Measuring Shadows**(3708042) **6.25 Light from Semiconductors** (3890077) **6.50 Britain Before Man** (2768435) **7.15 See Hear Breakfast News** (6116058)

7.30 **Charlie Chalk** (r) (s) (5618923) **7.45 Lassie** (1948619) **8.10 Smurfs' Adventures** (5479042) **8.35 Get Your Own Back** (3591135) **9.05 Spiderman** (r) (s) (2933226) **9.25 Global Gatecrash** (r) (7632145) **9.50 Puppydog Tales** (3150110) **10.00 Playdays** (7260690)

10.25 **Cricket.** Coverage of the NatWest trophy semi-finals (92321058)

12.45pm **The History Man** (33118665) **12.50 Holiday Outings** (33202058) **1.00 Charlie Chalk** *(r)* (s) (45079145) **1.15 A Week to Remember** *(b/w) (24928042)* **1.25 Cricket.** Includes News at **3.00** (48896313) **3.55 News** (3423329)

4.00 **Cartoon** (5672416) **4.05 The Family Ness** (r) (5671787) **4.10 Little Mouse on the Prairie** (2193619) **4.30 Ocean Odyssey** (s) (313) **5.00 Newsround** (1334333)

5.10 **Byker Grove** (r) (Ceefax) (4305023)

5.35 **Cricket.** Live coverage of the NatWest trophy semi-finals (s) (61916329)

7.30 **Black Britain: Black Beauty.** Why beauty contests have come back with a vengeance in black communities (Ceefax) (s) (482)

8.00 **Picture This: Moving Image.** Four years after a stranger walked into the study of Dr *Elizabeth Howe at the Open University* summer school and killed her, her husband Jeremy reflects on his loss. His *emotional journey takes him to the room where his wife died* (Ceefax) (s) (7139)

8.30 **Tracks.** Lindsay Cannon discovers the secrets of dendrochronology — the science of establishing the age of trees (Ceefax) (s) (2874)

Robert Duval as McCrae (9.00pm)

9.00 **Lonesome Dove: Leaving.** (1/4) Award-winning drama of love and adventure in the American West. Gus McCrae and Woodrow Call are peacefully retired *Texas Rangers, in the small Texas town of* Lonesome Dove An old friend of dubious repute arrives, telling tales of fortunes to be made in uncharted Montana. The pair are persuaded to undertake a hazardous *cattle drive to build an empire in the new land* (r) (Ceefax) (s) (1313)

10.30 **Newsnight** (Ceefax) (986665)

11.15 **Cricket.** Highlights of today's semi-finals *in the NatWest Trophy (205428)* Followed by Weather

12.30am **The Learning Zone: Princes and Peoples**(87530) **1.00 Building by Numbers** (29207) **1.30 Bajourou — Music of Mali** (35356) **2.00 Summer Nights**(85917) **4.00 Languages: España Viva, Diez Temas, Spanish Globo, Bon Mot** (75443)

CHOICE

Dawn to Dusk Safari: Airborne in the Serengeti
BBC1, 8.00pm

For his latest wildlife adventure, Jonathan Scott joins the veteran film-maker Alan Root for a flight over the Serengeti in Tanzania. Since Serengeti means "land of endless space", an aircraft is not a bad way of getting *around it.* Having said that, Root chooses other means of transport, such as hot air balloon, four-wheel drive or even shanks's pony, for seeing the animals up close. The cast list is impressive, taking in vultures, a *cheetah*, a couple of lionesses, the migrating wildebeest and dung beetles rolling their ball of manure. And there are crocodiles, flashing their 66 teeth and, says Root, far less shy of the camera than they used to be. But casual photographers should be warned that twice in the past few years the crocs have eaten rangers who ventured too near.

Picture This: A Moving Image
BBC2, 8.00pm

Jeremy Howe experienced the profoundest possible grief when Lizzie, the wife to whom he was devoted, was brutally and inexplicably murdered. She was teaching at an Open University summer school in York when a student, a total stranger, broke into her room and savaged her with a knife. Four years on Howe is still trying to come to terms with his feelings and make some sort of sense of what happened. He sees his film as a contribution to that process, an attempt to convey to a wider audience what it means to lose a loved one, to suffer that loss in the glare of media publicity and to have to explain the killing to his two young daughters. In the climax of the film Howe tries to exorcise the pain by travelling to York *and visiting the room where Lizzie died.* You can tell from his reaction that it took courage.

War Cries: Baseball in Irish History
Channel 4, 8.00pm

The Irish novelist Robert Wilson affects puzzlement at the fact that baseball bats are selling so well in Northern Ireland when the province has only one team. It is the one moment of levity in a sombre film. Wilson is using the *War Cries* soap box to protest about the so-called punishment beatings by the paramilitaries. Baseball bats, along with iron bars, hammers and bricks, are the instruments of this unofficial justice which, as Wilson points out, assumes that its victims are guilty and allows them no chance to defend themselves. Horrific photographs of smashed and bloodied limbs underpin *Wilson's point that taking the law into your* hands has no place in a democracy. "We need a word for this kind of stuff," he observes, and does not have to look far in the dictionary to find one.

True Stories: Julia's Daughter
Channel 4, 9.00pm

We have met Julia on television before. A young woman who is both blind and deaf, she became pregnant and was determined to have the child and look after it despite the absence of the father. Marilyn Gaunt's film brings the story up to date. Julia is bound to *provoke mixed reactions. She has enormous* courage and makes light of her handicaps. *Against most expert predictions she proves* to be an excellent mother, coping much better than anybody dared to hope. But the *flip side to her independence is a cussedness* and refusal to submit to authority. The social workers and carers who set out to help her are abused for their kindness. It is no surprise that few of them last long. *Meanwhile*, baby Ayla flourishes and Julia acquires a steady boyfriend. Soon a second child is on the way but the plot still has a disturbing twist. **Peter Waymark**

HTV

6.00am **GMTV** (4032400)

9.25 **Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left** (r) (Teletext) (7556771)

*9.50 **Hope and Gloria** (5982752)*

10.20 **ITN News** (5208110)

10.25 **Regional News** (5207481)

10.30 **Cartoon Time** (2284961)

10.40 **Fall from Grace** with James Fox and Patsy Kensit (41178481)

12.20pm **Regional News** (1685684)

12.30 **ITN Lunchtime News** (6756503)

12.55 ***Shortland Street** (6668394)*

1.25 **Simply Delicious with Family and Friends** (r) (6425394)

2.00 **Home and Away** (87409058) **2.25 Murder, She Wrote** (r) (7517446)

3.20 **ITN News** (1855348) **3.25 Regional News** (1854619)

3.30 **Ozzie the Owl** (7116245) **3.40 Tots TV** (3981400) **3.50 Sylvester and Tweety** (6966431) **4.05 Budgie** (5586665) **4.15 Transylvania Pet Shop** (2007868) **4.40 G'Day Summer Bay** (1508077)

5.10 **Celebrity Squares** with Bob Monkhouse (5709619)

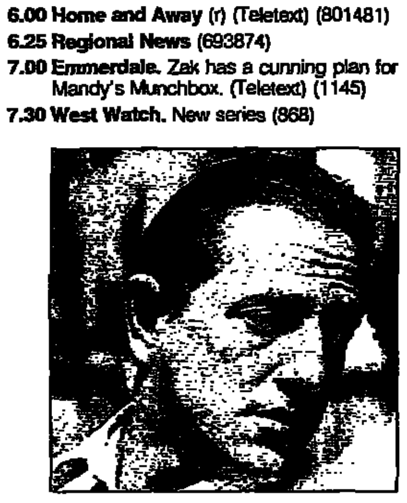
5.40 **News** (Teletext) (434787)

6.00 **Home and Away** (r) (Teletext) (801481)

6.25 **Regional News** (693874)

7.00 **Emmerdale.** Zak has a cunning plan for Mandy's Munchbox. (Teletext) (1145)

7.30 **West Watch.** New series (868)



Carver on the case (8.00pm)

8.00 **The Bill: Reminders.** Daly and Carver are on the trail of a missing prisoner (4665)

8.30 **FILM: Police Academy 6 — City Under Siege** (1989) with Bubba Smith and *David Graf.* The cadets are called in by the mayor to track down robbers. *Directed by Peter Bonerz (92874)*

10.00 **ITN News at Ten** (Teletext) (12665)

10.30 **Regional News** (101597)

10.40 **The 10%ers: Runner.** As a favour to a client, Dominic takes on a new office assistant without knowing that he is blind. (908936)

*11.10 **Bodies of Evidence: Shadows** (r)* (884348)

12.10am **FILM: Fighting Justice** (1989) starring James Woods, Robert Downey Jr and Margaret Colin A former crusading New York lawyer, reduced to working for drug dealers and hoods, is persuaded by a law graduate to take up the cause of a young man *jailed for murder. Directed by* Joseph Ruben (810288)

2.10 **Late and Loud** (9810511)

3.10 **The Chart Show** (r) (8589578)

4.10 **Murder, She Wrote: Weave a Tangled Web** (r) (s) (6101375)

5.00 **Hot Spots** with Alison Johns (73530)

5.30 **ITN Morning News** (45673). Ends at 6.00

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except:

6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (693874)

7.30-8.00 Time Out (868)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

10.30am Film: Always Remember I Love You (40648752)

12.55pm Emmerdale (6668394)

1.25-1.55 The Big Day (83279110)

1.55 Home and Away (58901313)

2.25 Liz Earle's Lifestyle (87402145)

2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (1818435)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (5709619)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (57226)

7.30-8.00 Cobblestones, Cottages and Castles (868)

11.10 Prisoner Cell Block H (884348)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

10.30am Film: Always Remember I Love You (40648752)

12.55pm Home and Away (6668394)

1.25 Just a Minute (83279110)

1.55 A Country Practice (89909752)

2.20 Liz Earle's Lifestyle (87403874)

2.50-3.20 Simply Delicious in France and Italy (5391874)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (5709619)

6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (693874)

7.30-8.00 Heart of the Country (868)

11.10 Stand Up (940023)

11.45 Film: Child in the Night (276121)

1.35am Late & Loud (8493375)

2.35 The Good Sex Guide... Late (8794269)

3.35 The Big Match Replayed (6345578)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except: 9.50-10.20 Sandokan (5982752) **10.30 Worzel Gummidge** (20684) **11.00 Dogtanian** (5300874) **11.25 Cross Combat** (5303961) **11.55 Dungeons and Dragons** (1590918) **12.55pm Emmerdale** (6668394) **1.25 Home and Away** (83279110) **1.55 Shortland Street** (89909752) **2.20 Liz Earle's Lifestyle** (87403874) **2.50-3.20 True... but Strange** (5391874) **5.10 Home and Away** (5709619) **6.00 Meridian Tonight** (232) **6.30-7.00 Who Am I?** (684) **7.30-8.00 A Most Secret Service** (868) **11.10 Prisoner Cell Block H** (884348)

S4C

Starts: 6.30 Chicken Minute (14110) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (42481) **9.00 California Dreams** (7648706) **9.25 The Secret World of Alex Mack** (7545665) **9.55 Hangin with Mr Cooperr** (6857058) **10.20 Pink Panther** (2518023) **10.45 Bill and Teds Excellent Adventures** (5690145) **11.10 Biker Mice from Mars** (8593023) **11.35 Insektors** (2678972) **11.50 Dennis** (8731955) **12.05pm Mork and Mindy** (6819868) **12.30 Love and Marriage** (43077) ***1.00 Slot Meithrin** (52868)* **1.30 Film: Woman's World** (58041685) **3.15 Ricki Lake** (4133042) **4.00 Backdate** (597) **4.30 If I Were Prime Minister: Mad Frankie Fraser** (481) ***5.00 5 Pump: Anturiaethau** (2974771)* ***5.15 5 Pump: Maldwyn** (5993066)* **5.30 Countdown** (961) **6.00 Newyddion** (267023) **6.15 Heno** (881058) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (292619) **7.25 Bancar** (443232) **8.00 Dysgwr Y Flwyddyn** (8435) **8.30 Newyddion** (4042) **9.00 Rasus** *(3023)* ***10.00 Brookside** (757435)* ***10.35 Ellen*** (505085) **11.05 Film: How to Get Ahead in Advertising** (320348) **12.50am Black Bag: Expelled from School** (8011443)

CHANNEL 4

6.30am **Chicken Minute** (r) (14110)

7.00 **The Big Breakfast** (42481)

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2.15 **FILM: Charley Moon** (1956). Singer Max Bygraves finds success a poisoned chalice, so returns to his village to marry his sweetheart and join a circus. Directed by Guy Hamilton (Teletext) (941706)

4.00 **Backdate** (Teletext) (s) (597)

4.30 **Countdown** (Teletext) (s) (481)

5.00 **Ricki Lake** (Teletext) (s) (8875619)

5.45 **Snapshots** (r) (708874)

6.00 **The Avengers.** A REMAK (remote electro-matic agent killer) is depleting the ranks of Steed's agents. (Teletext) (55868)

7.00 **Channel 4 News** (Teletext) (290077)

7.55 **The Slot.** Viewers' views (437400)

8.00 **War Cries: Baseball in Irish History.** (2/6) The novelist *Robert Wilson attacks the practice,* in Northern Ireland, on both sides of the sectarian divide, of "punishment beatings" (Teletext) (8435)

8.30 **Brookside.** J. C. thinks he knows why Nat does not want to be married. (Teletext) (s) (4042)

Julia fights against the odds (9pm)

9.00 **True Stories: Julia's Daughter.** A follow-up programme about how a deaf and blind single mother is bringing up her toddler in spite of almost insuperable difficulties (Teletext) (s) (8360481)

10.25 **FILM: The Waterdance** (1992). A warm and unlikely comedy. Three men in wheelchairs confront their lives in a rehabilitation centre. Directed by Neal Jimenez and Michael Steinberg (Teletext) *(s) (902706)*

12.25am **Watching the Detectives** (r). (Teletext) (3428795)

1.30 **FILM: My Ain Folk** (1972). The second part of Bill Douglas's trilogy (52375)

2.30 **FILM: Start Cheering** (1938, b/w). A Hollywood idol, tired of playing the hero in college films, enrols as an undergraduate in a genuine university, much to the *chagrin of his agent. The film features a* parade of vaudeville talent, including the Three Stooges (1419714). **Ends at 3.55am**

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (75787) 9.00 Press Your Luck (4994481) 9.20 Love Connection (1881690) 9.45 Oprah Winfrey (2116752) 10.40 Jeopardy! (7153400) 11.10 Sally Jessy Raphael (8629503) 12.00 Geraldo (75690) 1.00pm Code 3 (78874) 1.30 Designing Women (99226) 2.00 Miracles and Other Wonders (88597) 3.00 Court TV (8597) 3.30 Oprah Winfrey (5808706) 4.15 Undun (1047329) 5.00 Quantum Leap (5077) 6.00 Beverly Hills 90210 (71874) 7.00 Spellbound (6706) 7.30 M*A*S*H (5619) 8.00 Sightings (25665) 9.00 The X-Files (18329) 10.00 Quantum Leap (11416) 11.00 Highlander (82023) 12.00 Late Show (8601153) 12.45am The Josephine Baker Story (6341820) 1.30 Adventures of Mark and Brian (78578) 2.00 Hit Mix (8849609)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour

6.00am Sunrise (2978752) 9.30 Fashion (87481) 10.30 ABC Nightline (42874) 1.30pm CBS News (97868) 2.30 CBS News (9868) 3.30 Fashion (4313) 6.30 Tonight with Simon McCoy (7077) 7.30 Sportsline (6961) 8.30 Target (2503) 11.30 CBS News (52394) 12.30am ABC News (30646) 1.30 Tonight Replay (69620) 2.30 Target (10530) 3.30 Fashion (39022) 4.30 CBS News (40207) 5.30 ABC News (48153)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Broken Arrow (1950) *(79469526)* **7.45 Easy Living (1949)** (4140226) **9.00 Proudheart (1993)** *(50752)* **10.00 Seasons of the Heart (1993)** (94771) **12.00 Morons from Outer Space (1985)** (63400) **2.00pm Cops and Robbersons (1994)** (39868) **4.00 Charrol (1969)** (7481) **6.00 Seasons of the Heart (1994)** (15232) **8.00 Cops and Robbersons (1994)** (27077) **10.00 No Escape (1993)** (82416) **12.00 Sin Compassion (1994)** (84040) ***2.00am James Clavell's Tai-pan (1986)*** (18269) **4.00-6.00 Jack Reed: A Search for Justice (1995)** (15085)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 The Care Bears Movie II: A New

(1938) (5110) **6.00 Clue (1985)** (97874) **8.00 Biloxi Blues (1988)** (18579) **10.00 *Permanent Record* (1988)** (251619) **11.40 Faster, Pussycat! Kill! Kill! (1965)** (607936) **1.10am Doctor Detroit (1983)** (999191) **2.45-4.35 High Society (1956)**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Crack Up (1946) (33329) **7.30 Peter-No-Tail (1982)** (43752) **9.00 A Young Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court (1994)** (50110) **10.30 Inhumanoids: The Movie (1985)** (34961) **12.00 That's Entertainment! Part III (1994)** (61042) **2.00pm O. Henry's *Full* House (1952)** (20110) **4.00 Spider-Man: Wolfpack/the Kirkwood Haunting (1973)** (5023) **6.00 Touch of Truth (1994)** (46503) **7.30 Special Feature** (8329) **8.00 The Last Great Warrior (1994)** (35619) **10.00 When a Man Loves a Woman (1994)** (96395315) **12.05am Crossing the Bridge (1992)** (240530) **1.50 Silhouette (1994)** (962172) **3.25-6.00 After Midnight (1989)** (66249849)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.

6.05am Quack Attack (74421058) **6.30** Chip'n' Dales (84589597) **6.55** Chip'n' Dales (64674232) **7.20** Ducktales (97497023) **7.45** Ducktales (87448313) **8.10** Quack Attack (89869503) **8.35** Darkwing Duck (67046597) **9.00** Darkwing Duck (73895961) **9.30** Quack Attack (95244955) **10.00** Disney (74873706) ***10.55*** Chip 'n' Dale (52625868) **11.20** Chip 'n' Dale (49871139) **11.45** Muppet Babies (71093955) **12.05pm** Sing Me a Story (76621329) **12.30** Lamb Chop (95248771) ***1.00*** *Tarzan (83899752)* **1.30** Flipper (51632771) **2.20** Teen Angel (93693619) **2.30** Creech (88237619) **3.00** Ducktales (31435752) **3.25** Quack Attack (31527787) **3.50** Chip'n' Dales (16786905) **4.15** Darkwing Duck (37611400) **4.40** Darkwing *Duck (48537139)* ***5.00*** *Gargoyles* (39309435) **5.30** Best of Disney (53539503) **6.30** Home Improvement (88149400) **7.00** Thunder Alley (39216771) **7.30 FILM: A Fighting Choice** (53535787) **9.00** Just Like Family (36441787) **9.30-10.00** Home Improvement (95331435)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Indycar (98226) **8.00** Speedworld (86329) **11.00** Football (32042) **12.00**

(25023) **5.00** Truck Racing (2058) **6.00** Truck Racing (78868) **7.00** Body Building (70139) **8.00** Boxing (52787) **9.00** Sumo (69023) **10.00** Snooker (99482) **11.30-12.30am** Darts (12503)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Sports Centre (22619) **7.30** This Week in Baseball (38226) **8.00** Beach Volleyball (37023) **8.30** Racing News (36394) **9.00** Aerobics (23874) **9.30** International Cricket England v Pakistan (51023) **11.00** American Sports Cavalcade (10874) **12.00** Aerobics (30110) **12.30pm** Sky's Top 20 Games (56752) **2.30** *Tartan Extra* (2892) **3.00** Mountain Biking Dual Descender Series (3110) **3.30** Opposite Lock — International Motorsport (96955) **4.30** Windsurfing Tour (3416) **4.59** Sports Centre (5838481) **5.00** Wrestling — Superstars (9990) **6.00** Sports Centre (1481) **6.30** Women's Golf McDonalds Championship (52706) **7.30** The Asian Football Show (739077) **8.25** Sports Centre (832706) **8.30** Cricket: Nat West Trophy Semi-finals (89348) **10.00** Sky Sports Centre (48139) **10.30** Football Special Manchester United v Inter Milan (65455) **12.00** Asian Football (50269) **1.30am** Footballer's Football (25269) **2.30-3.00** Sports Centre (97714)

SKY SPORTS GOLD

10.00pm The Nationals 1973 and 1974 (1048892) **11.00** The Game of Billions (2586955) **12.00** Hall of Fame — Lineker (4906658) **12.30-1.00am** Pots of Gold: *Stevens v White 1984 (1657559)*

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship **4.15** Kidz TV **4.30** Jack Van Impe Presents **5.00** Voice of Victory Music TV **5.45** Changing Your World **6.15** Power for Living **6.45-7.00** Good Morning Europe

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (1057987) **7.55** As the World Turns (9349435) **8.50** Peyton Place (5346348) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (5406226) **10.10-11.00** Another World

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Boomerang (5226955) **11.30** Trailside — Make Your Own Adventure (5227684) **12.00** Mansions (2578416) **12.30pm** Pierre Franey's Cooking in France (6378969) **1.00** Getaway (2672706) **1.30** *Italy (1223810)* **2.00** Australia from the

Ingrid Bergman and Gregory Peck in *Spellbound* (Bravo, 4.00pm)

frontier (2153690) **3.30** Around the World in 30 Minutes (1820477) **3.55-4.00** Holiday Shop (75843503)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm The Lincoln Assassination (2164706) **5.00-7.00** Biography (6479918)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Films, features and classic sci-fi series every day from **8am-2am** on cable and **1am-4am**, plus **7pm-10pm** Monday-Wednesday, on satellite

7.00pm Battlestar Galactica (1093121) **8.00-10.00** Martian Chronicles (1244495) **1.00am** Six Million Dollar Man (6291040) **2.00-4.00** Martian Chronicles (6798511)

TLC

6.00am The Joy of Painting (7032435) **9.30** Grow Your Own (9974752) **10.00** Two's Country (6694684) **10.30** Home Again (7038619) **11.00** The Painted House (5560313) **11.30** Room for Improvement (5561042) **12.00** Julia Child (7949771) **12.30pm** The Frugal Gourmet (9985868) **1.00** Simply Delicious (2337936) **1.30** This Old House (9984139) **2.30** Garden Club (6908746) **3.00** Fishing Adventures

UK GOLD

7.00am Happy Ever After (2330023) **7.30** Neighbours (2422058) **8.00** Angels (7948042) **8.30** The Odd Couple (7947313) **9.00** The Bill (7938665) **9.30** The Sullivans (9976110) **10.00** Angels (2348042) **11.00** *Bullseye (5562771)* ***11.30*** *Tellystack* (5583400) **12.00** Sale of the Century (7021329) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9987226) **1.00** Till Death Us Do Part (9089042) **1.35** Hi-De-Hi (9912023) **2.15** Robin's Nest (9771077) **2.50** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (3225936) **3.30** The Bill (2862351) **4.00** One by One (87649787) **5.05** Tellystack (85202394) **5.35** Bullseye (7554416) **6.05** You Rang, M'Lord? (4660333) **7.05** The Bob Monkhouse Show (2480110) **7.55** Tripper's *Day (2570400)* ***8.25*** *Just Good Friends* (8081706) **9.00** The Sweeney (1485706) **10.00** The Bill (2089787) **10.35** Taxi (5015435) **11.10** The Treachery Game (9285684) **12.05am FILM: Further Up the Creek** (3861153) **1.45-3.30** Shopping

TCC

6.00am Tiny TCC (18067) **7.00** Tiny and Crew (2597481) **7.15** Rosie and Jim (1496961) **7.30** Greedysaurus and the

7.50 Teddy Trucks (3589058) **8.00** Barney and Friends (77619) **8.30** Dinobabies (69690) **9.00** Art Attack (87042) **9.30** Byker Grove (97861) **10.00** Heartbreak High (74394) **11.00** Madison (73706) **11.30** Hang Time (74435) **12.00** Degrassi Junior High (70706) **12.30pm** Pugwall (92067) **1.00** California Dreams (61874) **1.30** Meltdown (48441868) **1.45** Take One! (48439023) **2.00** Ready or Not *(1961)* **2.30** Madison (4110) **3.00** Heartbreak High (73023) **4.00** California Dreams (1690) **4.30-5.00** Byker Grove (7874)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Bananas in Pyjamas (5542416) **6.15** Mr Men (5467771) **6.30** Babar (81874) **7.00** Littlest Pet Shop (13961) **7.30** Turtles (36868) **8.00** Biker Mice (35665) **8.30** Mighty Max (34936) **9.00** Rugrats (89400) **10.00** *Real Monsters (73446)* ***10.30*** Doug (47400) **11.00** Rocko (20690) **11.30** Pete and Pete (38619) **12.00** Alex Mack (38752) **12.30pm** Ren and Stimpy (66023) **1.00** Santo Bugito (12232) **1.30** Capitol Critters (65394) **2.00** Ferrals (5145) **2.30** Mighty Max (8394) **3.00** Biker Mice (1752) **3.30** Real Monsters (7969) **4.00** Cryptkeeper (5874) **4.30** Rugrats (1058) **5.00** Sister Sister (8232) **6.00** Alex Mack (9023) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (6503)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Islands of the Pacific (5551665) **5.00** Time Travellers (5445987) **5.30** Jurassica (5012874) **6.00** Beyond 2000 *(9066787)* **7.00** A Very Particular Parrot (6202801) **7.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (8367941) **8.00** Science Detectives (1390684) **9.00** Crocodile Hunters — Animal Crackers (1483348) **10.00** Project M1.11 *(1486435)* **11.00-12.00** Justice Files

BRAVO

12.00 Robin Hood (7943597) **12.30pm** William Tell (9972394) **1.00** The Buccaneers (2420690) **1.30** Sir Lancelot (9971665) **2.00** Wild Wild West (6899139) **3.00** The Saint (5589684) **4.00 FILM: Spellbound** (6790874) **6.00** UFO (9980313) **7.00** The Persuaders (1474690) **8.00** The Prisoner (1387110) **9.00** New Avengers (1470874) **10.00-12.00 FILM: The Hidden 2**

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Family Ties (9961) **7.30** Entertainment (2787) **8.00** Wings (2481) **8.30** Laverne and Shirley (4416) **9.00** Soap

ment (39481) **10.30** Dr Katz (28329) **11.00** Home Court (49771) **11.30** London Underground (96110) **12.00** Carnal Knowledge (46424) **1.00am** Soap (65530) **1.30** Taxi (89608) **2.00** Entertainment (16849) **2.30** Wings (95356) **3.00** Dr Katz (52066) **3.30-4.00** Home Court (86608)

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (7226145) **7.00** Esther (7926706) **7.30** The Young and the Restless (8008313) **8.20** Gladrags and Glamour (6784435) **8.30** The Victorian Kitchen (8860503) **9.05** Rolanda (8263787) **9.35** Kate and Allie (5047771) **10.00** Entertainment Now! (7561416) **10.05** Jerry Springer (5018435) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (7237348) **11.55** Brookside (5884787) **12.30pm** Gabrielle (6864961) **1.20** Catchword (2834329) **2.00** Cagney and Lacey *(3959416)* **3.00** *The Summer Show* (1472394) **4.00** Infatuation UK (7112481) **4.30** Crosswits (5985232) **5.05** Lingo (64613110) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (7205145) **6.00** Bewitched (7202058) **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (6985313) **7.05** Brookside (2384431) **7.35** Trivial Pursuit (9860855) **8.00** Street Legal (1438868) **9.00 FILM: The Texas Cheerleader Story** (1431955) **11.00-12.00** The Sex Files II

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Through the Keyhole (9313) **5.30** My Two Dads (5226) **6.00** Batman (2139) **6.30** Catchphrase (9619) **7.00** All Clued Up (2077) **7.30** The Fall Guy (84503) **8.30** Only When I Laugh (1972) **9.00** The Father Dowling Mysteries (18313) **10.00** Treasure Hunt: Devon (11400) **11.00** Sirens (75023) **12.00** The Fall Guy (91998) **1.00am** Batman (11676) **1.30** The Father Dowling Mysteries (69627) **2.30** All Together Now *(31172)* ***3.00*** *Big Brother Jake (14820)* **3.30** GP *(22424)* **4.00** All Clued Up (43917) **4.30-5.00** Robinson Sucroe (22849)

MTV

7.30am Rockumentary (87988) **8.00** Morning Mix (217394) **11.00** Hit List UK (69416) **12.00** Greatest Hits Special (16042) **1.00pm** Music Non-Stop (45348) **3.00** Select MTV (74481) **4.00** Hanging Out (13771) **5.30** Dial MTV (7684) **6.00** Hanging Extra (4597) **6.30** *Road Rules 2* (1077) **7.00** US Top 20 Countdown (94787) **8.00** M-cyclopedia (74135) **9.00** Singled Out (82400) **9.30** Amour (92435) **10.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (86313) **11.00** Alternative Nation (75042) **1.00am** Videos (3483795)

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (2671077) **9.00** Cafe VH-1 (1131972) **12.00** Heart and Soul (2701412) **1.00pm** The Vinyl Years (3023892) **2.00** Ten of the Best (5624416) **3.00** Into the Music (9480145) **6.00** Happy Hour (4679936) **7.00** VH-1 for You (4393969) **8.00** Tuesday Review (3044477) ***9.00*** *Ten of the Best (2498333)* ***10.00*** *The* '80s Vinyl Years (9248810) **11.00** Tommy Vance Is the Nightfly (8178110) **1.00am** Ten of the Best (4445518) **2.00** Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE

Country music from **6am to 7pm on satellite, 24 hours on cable**

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran (37987435) **7.30** Life Style East (27071023) **8.30** Ibr (57741684) **9.00** Tamil Serial: Neelakuyileh Kannamma (57732936) **9.30** Andhera Ujala (6504495) **10.30** Kurukshetra (57834348) **11.00** Khoobsurat (40903706) **11.30** Tara (11305923) **12.30pm** *Parvartan* (92241110) **1.00 FILM: Rukshat** (20630329) **4.00** Flu (40370139) **4.30** Aahaa (40369023) **5.00** Children's Programme: Zee Zone (62063176) **5.30** Hum Zameen (40458503) **6.00** Dance Mania (40453416) **6.30** Zee and U (40371868) **7.00** V3 (96813400) **7.30** Sitaron Ka Karvan (40360752) **8.00** News (33069508) **8.30** Darrar (93863905) **9.00** Chalo Cinema (40810042) **9.30** Urdu Serial (10955482) ***10.30*** *Sa Re Ga Ma (78789752)* ***11.30-12.00*** Urdu Stage Play (91883139)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.

7.00pm The Gazebo (1959) (83981787) **9.00 The Yellow Rolls-Royce (1964)** (36449329) **9.00 The Yellow Rolls-Royce (1964)** (84625868) **11.15 Boys' Night Out (1962)** (94416333) **1.05am The Champ (1931)** *(30247337)* **2.35-5.00 The Yellow Rolls-Royce** (20017191)

CNN/QVC

CNN provides 24-hour news and QVC is the home shopping channel.

PERFORMANCE

7.00pm Weather Update **8.00** Aria **8.30** Sleeping Beauty from the Kirov Ballet **10.45-1.00am** Martha Artin Wecker and Wolfgang Dauner in Concert

PARALYMPICS 41
Cambridge student rises to the ultimate challenge

SPORT

GOLF 46
Brooks takes a low-key approach to USPGA title

Search begins for new manager at Highbury after surprise eve-of-season dismissal

Cruyff appears Arsenal's likely target

ROB HUGHES

Football Correspondent

AT HIGHBURY yesterday it was the inglorious 12th of August. When the Arsenal guns fired on Bruce Rioch in the afternoon, just five days before the start of the season, a club statement gave every indication that a successor was already in its sights. The new man had been "identified", to use the quaint Arsenal expression; he will be named shortly, and meanwhile, in a club that cannot live with stagnation, speculation is rife.

Four names were immediately linked to Arsenal — Johan Cruyff, dismissed himself as coach of Barcelona at the beginning of this summer, and George Graham, who has been tending his north London garden since being sacked by Arsenal and banned from management for accepting transfer "bungs" while in their employ. Then came Terry Venables, who has unfinished High Court business with Arsenal's neighbours, Tottenham Hotspur, and who until yesterday morning appeared to be in the market for a job, but then took control of Portsmouth as their director of coaching. Fourth, and by no means least plausible, was the name of David O'Leary, who played with distinction a record number of times for Arsenal.

There is, apparently, very little time to speculate. The brief statement issued from the Marble Halls yesterday evening was that Rioch was "released" from a contract that had two years, and very probably half a million pounds, to run, but that Stewart Houston would, for the second time in 18 months, be caretaker manager, together with Pat Rice.

On the steps of Highbury later in the evening, the few supporters who gathered were of two minds. Some identified with Graham, whose pragmatic reign had delivered the club six trophies, in England and Europe, in eight years. He has now served his time for his misdemeanour. He is, to put it mildly, available, and one Arsenal supporter spoke for others when he said: "Whatever he done is peanuts compared to what he's given us."

More rational supporters would have nothing of it. Part of Rioch's failing, they argue, was his inability to clear up the legacy of mis-spending in Graham's last months, alluding to £6.2 million spent on the panic purchases of Glen Helder, Chris Kiwomya and John Hartson.

Those same anti-Graham cheerleaders add that the former manager had left Rioch a defence steeped with age, one almost arthritic compared to the intimidating rearguard on which Graham's success was cast.

So if not the old manager returning, who? Cruyff, without doubt, would represent the big name that a club still regarded worldwide as one of the biggest in the game, desires. He was in London over the weekend, ostensibly as a proud father, watching with this wife the first footings of his son, Jordi, for Manchester United. It would be strange if Cruyff Sr, having overseen the cut-price transfer of his own son from Barcelona to United, would, in the space of a week, take over a rival English club, one in which Jordi Cruyff might well have made a fitting partnership with the £7.5 million Dennis Bergkamp, the one truly successful signing under the Rioch regime.

But Cruyff would ask searching questions of Arsenal. An anglophile, and a man who has known English habits intimately for a quarter of a century, Cruyff would know both his own worth and Arsenal's immense standing in the global game. He would ask, surely, for a million-pound salary, and, if he were properly briefed, he might want to know where the real power lies at Highbury.

David Dein, the Arsenal vice-chairman, has been presumed to be the power at the club. He was the chief shareholder by far, with 23,816 shares to club chairman Peter Hill-Wood's 448 a year ago, but shares have reportedly been changing hands, with Danny Fiszman, a director since 1992, purchasing shares steadily from Dein so that he now appears to own more than Dein or anyone else on the board.

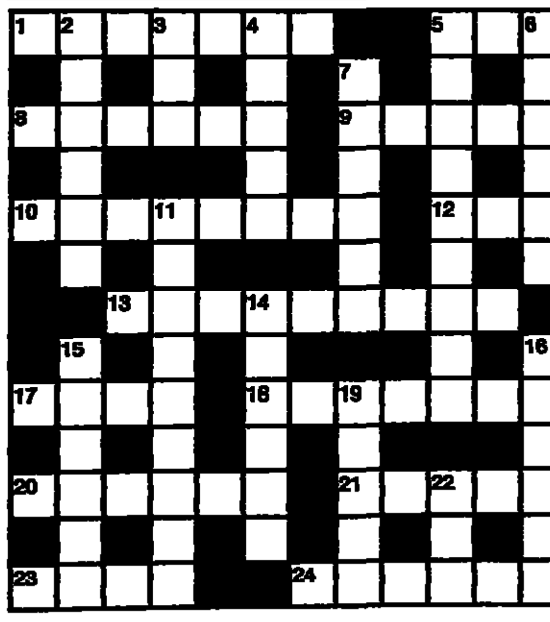
Fiszman and Graham were close. With Graham polarising the 38,000 Arsenal supporters, with Venables supposedly tied up at Portsmouth, and with O'Leary a worthy candidate but totally inexperience in management, the "identified" successor appears likely to be Cruyff.

He, too, can be pragmatic. Not in the football sense, where his fault — if there is one — is in the insistence on attacking play, but in his singular determination to brook no interference in playing matters. Rioch's resistance, such as it was, was that of a principled man who had withheld his signature on the contract until this very month, and whose attempts to rebuild Arsenal had caused friction between him and Dein.

The continental system of a coach advising the board of players he wanted had apparently seen the passage of 20 names from Rioch to Dein, without success. It was so well known on the grapevine that the bookmaker, William Hill, had drastically reduced their odds on Rioch being sacked, from 7-1 last Thursday to 3-1 on Friday, and had then started to refuse bets.

Time was when Arsenal employed just three managers in 31 years, and the only way out for two of those, Herbert Chapman and Tom Whittaker, was to die in service. Rioch goes in his comparative prime, and he will remember his words when he agreed a three-year tenure on June 8 last year: "Nobody asks for time in this game, I most certainly can't ask for time."

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD



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ACROSS
1 Offer to marry (7)
5 Pleased (4)
8 Look daggers (6)
9 Gap: interruption (6)
10 One refusing lawful authority (8)
12 Fight of honour (4)
13 Those living together (9)
17 Earnest request (4)
18 Rather (rudely) excessive (1,3,4)
20 One dependent on fixes (6)
21 Two-piece beachwear (6)
23 Diluted rum (4)
24 Recreate (past event); ten-acre (*anag.*) (2-5)

DOWN
2 Arrive; form into cylinder (4,2)
3 Church bench (3)
4 Sudden swelling (5)
5 All 13 tricks (5,4)
6 Queen Victoria was supposedly not (6)
7 Body of believers (6)
11 Putting in solitary (9)
14 Sailors' song (6)
15 Unpowered aircraft (6)
16 Affording good views (6)
19 Inspire: dye (once) (5)
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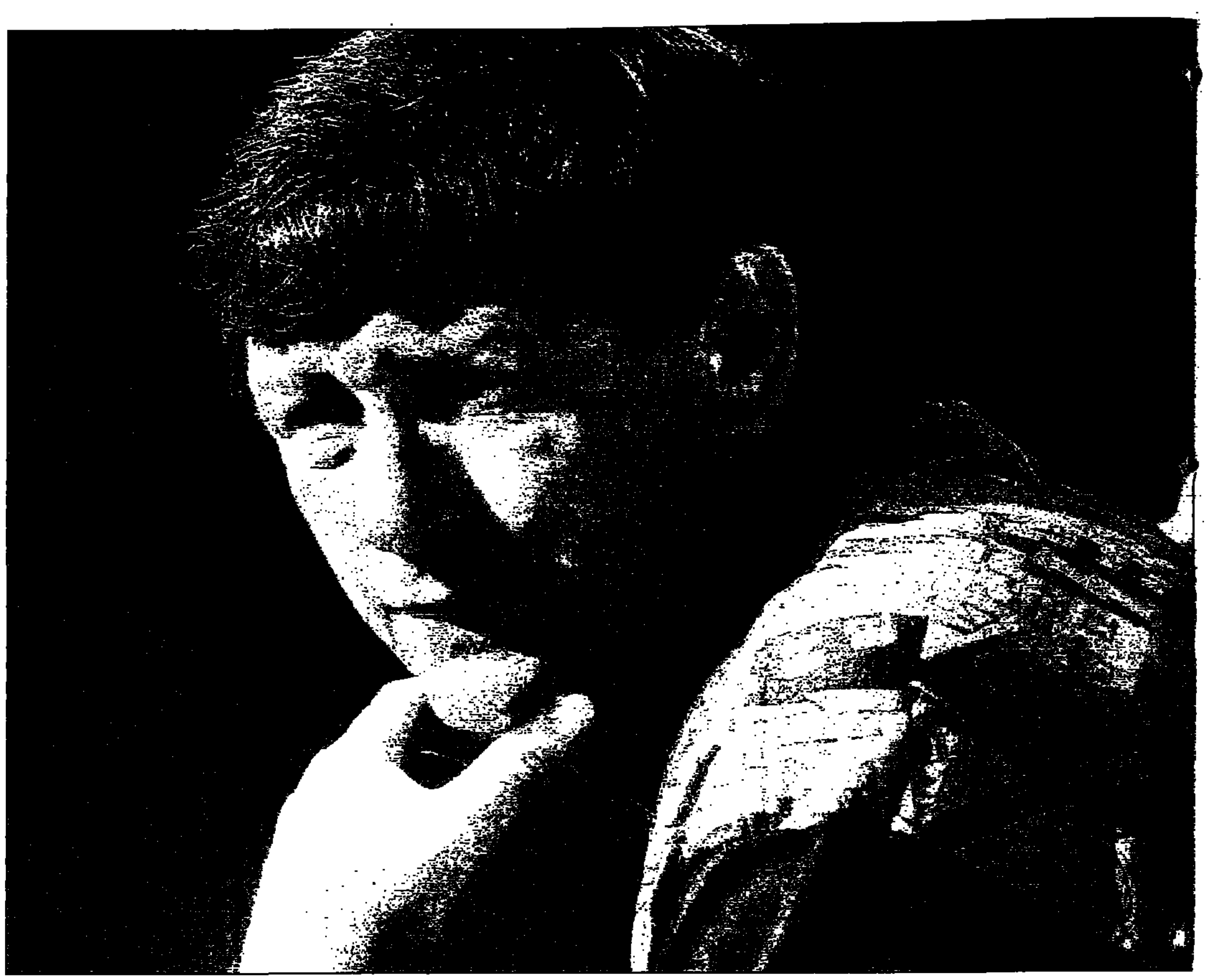

Rioch thought long and hard before signing his contract as Arsenal manager — only to be dismissed days later. Photograph: Ben Radford/Allsport

Rioch's reign brought to sudden end

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

BRUCE RIOCH, the Arsenal manager, was dismissed yesterday just five days before the start of the FA Carling Premiership season. His 14-month reign at Highbury was brought to a swift, startling conclusion by a brief statement that said he had been released from his contract "in the club's best long-term interests".

Stewart Houston, Rioch's assistant, and Pat Rice, the first-team coach, will take charge for Arsenal's opening Premiership fixture, against West Ham United at Highbury on Saturday. Though Arsenal have already "identified" a replacement for Rioch, 48, it is unlikely he will be in place before next week.

Rioch led the club to fifth place in the championship and a place in the Uefa Cup last season and, apparently, had much to look forward to: he had even signed his contract, finally, after it had lain gathering dust since his arrival from Bolton Wanderers in June 1995. All that was needed was the stamp of approval from the Highbury hierarchy.

At the weekend, despite a lack of leading summer signings and a disappointing series of pre-season results, Rioch was upbeat. "I can understand all the speculation about me, because I haven't signed my contract, but that's resolved now," he said. "The contract just needs to be counter-signed by the board. At least that part of the equation can be eliminated."

Not so. Rioch, only Arsenal's eighteenth manager in its 110-year history, was summarily shown the door of the legendary Marble Hall. Stability used to be the watchword at the north London club but Rioch arrived with it in disarray, after George Graham's acrimonious departure, and he left with it in a similarly unsettled state.

Immediate reaction to Rioch's exit was of surprise, though mostly at the timing rather than the decision. The former Scotland international had long been frustrated by Arsenal's new transfer policy — he made a list, the board did the deals — and his working relationship with David Dein, Arsenal's influential vice-chairman, was, reportedly, no longer cordial. Before last season he bought Dennis Bergkamp for £7.5 million and David Platt for £4.75 million and sold Kevin Campbell for £2.5 million and Stefan Schwarz for £2.7 million. Since then he has only signed John Lukic on a free transfer and Valur Gislason for an undisclosed fee, both this summer.

"I'm sad for Bruce, really sad," Tony Adams, the Arsenal captain, said yesterday. "I had a good year with him and he was fabulous to me. I wish him every success but I'm an employee of Arsenal FC and I have to believe that the board has acted in the best interests of the club."

Paul Merson, the striker, said: "I'm shocked, it's unbelievable. It had been a normal day, like any other day, until I heard the news on the radio."

Rioch was a player of passion and competitiveness, most notably with Aston Villa and Derby County. He captained Scotland during the World Cup finals in Argentina in 1978.

He took his strict ideas on discipline into management, at Torquay United, Middlesbrough, Millwall and Bolton. After joining Arsenal, having led Bolton into the Premiership via the first division play-offs, he said: "I don't set out to be unpopular but, along the way, I may have to make some unpopular decisions."

He was unconcerned, though, by the magnitude of his new job. "I don't find it intimidating," he said. "It is a higher profile club, but there's no real difference from Bolton. The expectations are the same: everybody wants to win."

Highs and lows on road to Highbury

BRUCE RIOCH'S decision to leave Bolton Wanderers and succeed George Graham as the eighteenth manager in Arsenal's 101 years during the summer of 1995 began one of the most difficult spells in his football career.

Rioch, 49, began as a player with Luton Town, moving to Aston Villa in 1969 and then to Derby County for £200,000 in 1974, helping them to their second League championship. While at Derby, he made the first of his 24 appearances for Scotland. In 1976, he moved to Everton, then returned to Derby and finished his playing career at Torquay United, after loan spells with Birmingham City and Sheffield United.

He played for Seattle Sounders in the United States, then returned to England in 1982 as player-manager of Torquay United. He resigned in 1984 after a training-ground incident, but bounced back to guide Middlesbrough to promotion from the third division to the first. Dismissed by Middlesbrough in 1990, he took over at Millwall, whom he left after two years for Bolton, leading them to the 1995 Coca-Cola Cup final and promotion to the Premiership.

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Selectors face Oval conundrum

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

JEREMY IRONS is in hot water, apparently, because a film-maker wants him to "black up" as Mohammed Ali Jinnah, founder of the Pakistan nation. Michael Atherton, who dusted the cobwebs off his gentle leg spin yesterday as the second Test at Headingley moved inevitably to a draw, would have to do a bit more than that to bear comparison with Mushtaq Ahmed. But the memory of having Wasim Akram leg before padding up will bring a chuckle on many a long winter night to the England captain.

Diverting as it was, for everybody except Wasim, Atherton's second wicket in Test cricket had a serious side. Not one player in England's top six can properly be called a bowler. One of the great strengths of the Australian team is that, if they pick Stuart Law and Michael Bevan as well as the Waugh brothers, they have four batsmen who can also bowl, giving them a possible eight-man attack.

Atherton does not have the same resources at his beck and call. "It is a slight problem," he said, "that in the top six we played here — and we batted really well as a unit — nobody really bowls. If you have a four-man attack then you need to get a few overs from somebody else." Atherton, a serviceable wrist spinner in his youth, brought himself on partly to improve the over-rate.

The England captain reminded his audience that they had won at the Oval in recent seasons, against Australia and South Africa, by selecting only four bowlers. But the composition of the side for the final Test, which begins next Thursday and which England must win to square the series, will give the selectors pause for thought. Do they retain the six batsmen who played here, or do they play an all-rounder at No 6, and find room for a slow bowler?

If Atherton's view counts, Jack Russell's place behind the stumps is secure. There was conjecture before this Test of Alec Stewart doing the wicketkeeping but his superb century, going in first, has confirmed his right to be Atherton's partner. Although Russell's performance yesterday was sub-standard, Atherton — and Stewart too, for that matter — expressed their support for him.

Atherton defended his decision to insert Pakistan on the first morning, believing that better bowling and catching would have given England every chance of winning the match. "We had to give our bowlers the best opportunity in the friendliest conditions. We did not feel that a spinner was likely to have much effect and Mushtaq, who is a fine leg spinner, did not make much impact when he bowled later in the match."

Wasim praised the application of his batsmen in that first innings and repeated that he would have chosen to bat because Headingley's reputation was overrated. "It used to seam here," he said, "but in the last seven or eight years it has been a flat pitch. When I saw the pitch beforehand I thought it would just get flatter."

He vowed there would be no pussyfooting at the Oval simply because Pakistan were 1-0 ahead in the three-Test series. "There is no point in going there for a draw," Wasim said, "because we might easily lose. We are going to carry on playing positive cricket."

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Archaeologists plan ceremony for part of hero of Bannockburn that went on posthumous Crusade

Brave heart of the Bruce to receive proper burial

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

THE embalmed heart of Robert the Bruce is to be dug up by archaeologists more than 650 years after it was laid to rest at Melrose Abbey in the Borders.

The hero king, who defeated the English at Bannockburn in 1314 and won independence for Scotland, declared on his deathbed that his heart should be cut out after he died and taken on a Crusade by his friend Sir James Douglas. But it never reached the Holy Land. The Bruce died of leprosy in July 1329. His heart was duly removed but it only got as far as Spain. Sir James carried it in a lead, cone-shaped casket and brandished it as a gruesome talisman to inspire Crusaders fighting the Moors.

During one battle, Sir James found himself surrounded. Realising he had no chance of escape, he is said to have hurled the casket into the fray and plunged in after it to his death. His last defiant cry was: "Now pass thou onward as thou wert wont and Douglas will follow or die."

Robert the Bruce: dying wish was fulfilled

The heart was found on the battlefield next to Sir James's body, returned to Scotland and buried at Melrose Abbey some 60 miles from the rest of the Bruce's remains, which lie in Dunfermline Abbey.

The month-long excavation of the chapter house at the abbey, near Galashiels, was begun yesterday by Historic Scotland, the agency responsible for historic buildings north of the border. The £30,000 venture is expected to uncover the ancient casket. Historic Scotland plans to rebury it in a properly marked grave at the site, with a fitting ceremony.

Experts caution that there is no proof that the casket contains the king's remains.

Historic Scotland said yesterday that it had no intention of opening the casket to determine whether the heart was indeed that of the king. Doreen Grove, the agency's Inspector of Ancient Monuments, said nothing could be gained from disturbing the remains to that extent.

"Historic Scotland has guidelines on dealing with human remains and these would allow examination if it could be demonstrated that this would provide information that cannot be obtained elsewhere," she said. "In this case, however, we don't think DNA testing or carbon-dating would prove anything one way or the other. It is all so remote now."

The abbey was burnt down by the English in 1385 after an invasion by Richard II, who was enraged by the alliance between Scotland and France. The heart had probably been buried at the abbey's high altar, but was moved to the chapter house when the east end of the church was rebuilt in the early 15th century.

The only other time the heart has been disturbed was during a 1921 excavation. At the moment it is marked only by a small metal plaque.

The new excavation is also expected to unearth the first church on the site and is part of an upgrading of the abbey's facilities.

The Bruce had originally wanted his heart buried at Melrose Abbey but changed his mind when he was dying. He had hoped to go on a Crusade and his dying wish was fulfilled by "Black" Douglas, a fiercesome warrior who fought with Bruce at Bannockburn.

PETER KEMP

Excavation beginning yesterday at the chapter house of Melrose Abbey, where the heart of Robert the Bruce is buried

Bike boys saved after 18 hours trapped on cliff

BY A STAFF REPORTER

TWO schoolboys told yesterday how they survived for 18 hours, trapped on a ledge 120 feet up a cliff face.

Barry Dyer and Daniel O'Keeffe, aged seven and eight, clung to each other on the steep rock all night in pouring rain until passers-by heard their cries.

Both boys are recovering at home after hospital treatment for hypothermia, shock, cuts and bruises. Daniel said: "I'm really glad to be home. I was brave at first but I missed my mum and dad. I tried to go to sleep when we were on the ledge but Barry kept snoring and kept me awake."

Their distraught parents had raised the alarm late on Saturday when the pair failed to return after going out mountain-biking. A police helicopter was used in a search around their homes in South Yate, near Bristol.

But the boys were stuck three quarters of a mile away on a windswept ledge in Barnhill quarry. They became stranded after slipping down the cliff in the same disused lime quarry where the body of Louise Smith, 18, was found in February.

On Sunday morning two women cyclists heard the boys' screams. They were rescued from the ledge by cliff rescue teams who lowered them down on stretchers.

The boys were taken to Frenchay hospital in Bristol. Daniel said: "Barry fell down first and I tried to save him but I fell down as well. Barry wanted to try and get back up but I was too scared. We kept on shouting for help; we were really scared."

Barry's mother Jane Dyer, 29, said: "I was sick with worry and couldn't sleep. I left the back doors open hoping he would just walk in."

Daniel's mother Cheryl, 30, said: "It was a nightmare not knowing where he was."

Rescue co-ordinator Bob Hatherley said: "They were suffering from a cold and very frightening night. They had the sense to stay on the ledge rather than trying to climb out. It was a tricky rescue because of the loose shale."

Daniel and Barry after their ordeal on quarry ledge

Foreign breads slice white sales

BY JOANNA BALE

SALES of white sliced bread have fallen in favour of ciabatta and other foreign loaves, a survey has found. The market in pre-packed bread has fallen by £30 million since 1993, while foreign speciality breads now account for sales of £483 million, compared with £356 million in 1991.

Rivals include olive and tomato breads, focaccia and the more established baguette. Croissants are also gaining popularity at the expense of traditional buns, teacakes and scones.

Supermarkets have increased their share of traditional loaf sales: in-store bakeries sell £252 million of bread a year compared with £160 million in 1991.

Breakfast breads, cakes, pastries and biscuits have increased sales. Only traditional pre-packed bread sales have fallen despite supermarket competition which has taken the price as low as 19p.

A spokeswoman for Datamonitor, the analysts that conducted the survey, said: "We're becoming more continental in our tastes. While croissants and others increase in popularity the humble loaf of bread continues to fall out of favour. Consumers are becoming more adventurous and acquiring a taste for the new products available.

She said it would be hard for bread to sell to more homes as almost everyone bought a loaf at some time, although advertisers tried to persuade people to buy more expensive, better-quality products. "The market potential lies in the frequency with which people can be persuaded to buy bread and the extent to which they will trade up to

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A government pledge to stop British waters being plundered has not ended the trade in licences

Foreign fishermen still landing unfair share of the catch

REPORTS BY RUSSELL JENKINS

THE FLEETS

BRITISH fishermen are still being encouraged to sell licences — worth up to £40,000 — to companies working as "fronts" for Spanish and Dutch trawlers that want to buy into the annual British quota, industry insiders report.

A fleet of more than 150 foreign-owned "quota hoppers" is increasing despite a pledge last month from John Major to Cornish fishermen to get tough with the European Union and end the plundering of domestic fish stocks.

Fish-producer organisations estimate that Spanish quota hoppers are taking fish worth £26 million from the domestic quota. The Anglo-Dutch fleet is taking fish worth £18 million from the North Sea.

Jim Portus, chief executive of the South Western Fish Producers' Organisation, said the number of quota hoppers logged by official sources has leapt from 140 at the end of last year to 160.

Tony Baldry, the Fisheries Minister, has laid an EU protocol before the inter-governmental conference to amend the Treaty of Rome outlawing quota hopping, but fishermen are growing increasingly impatient for action. Mr Portus said: "We want to get rid of these vessels by yesterday but we have to stand by while the political process takes its course."

The hunting ground for buyers who want to acquire licences is *Fishing News*, the industry's weekly newspaper. It reserves a section for advertisers offering "best prices and immediate payment" for stock licences. The majority of advertisers give only a telephone number.

Barrie Deas, of the National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations, said: "It is difficult for the British fisherman. If he wants to leave the industry and sell up, he puts an advert in *Fishing News* and gets half a dozen offers. One comes from Juan Valdez from Cadiz and he says, 'I don't think it is right for me to sell abroad', and takes a second offer from a British interest. We have had cases where the fisherman has sold to a British interest and three weeks later the licence has been transferred to a Spaniard."

Senior industry officers are holding regular meetings with Mr Baldry, looking for assurances that quota hoppers will remain high on the agenda of the inter-governmental conference. They want a firm pledge that he will resist pressure from Brussels to slim the national trawler fleet before quota hopping has been outlawed.

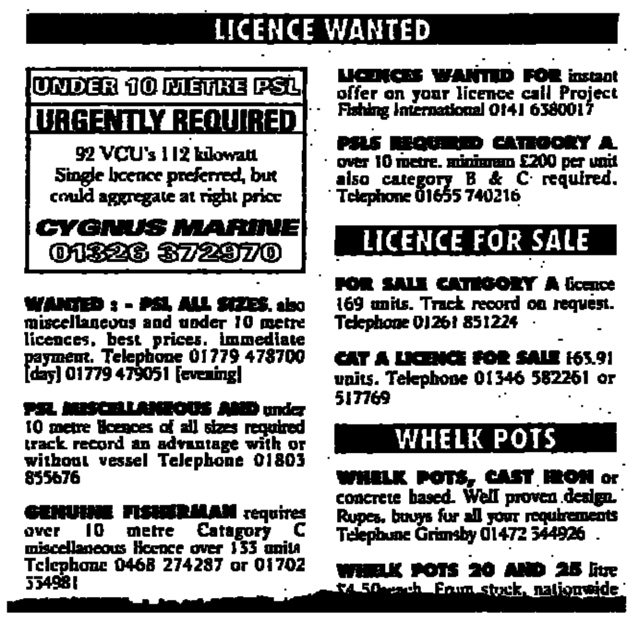
Quota hopping has, in effect, allowed Spain and Holland to cut their fleets in line with Brussels' demands because their fishermen have re-registered in Britain. Figures quoted by the producers suggest that Spain had reduced its fleet by 22 per cent by the end of 1991, opening the way to a host of European grants and subsidies. But at the same time 3 per cent of the fleet had transferred to the British flag.

In 1988 the Government passed a law stipulating that British-registered boats had to be 75 per cent British-owned. However, in a test case in March, the European Court of Justice ruled that it was illegal for Britain to stop trawlers from another member state sharing its national quota. The judgment landed the Government with a £30 million compensation claim.

The judgment was swiftly followed by a demand from Emma Bonino, the EU Fisheries Commissioner, for cuts of up to 40 per cent in the size of the domestic trawler fleet. Mr Baldry has told fellow fisheries ministers that there can be no progress on decommissioning until the quota hoppers are stopped.

The protocol that Mr Baldry is pursuing would stipulate that the boats qualifying for UK fishing licences must demonstrate that they are aiding the national economic effort and landing their catches at UK ports. He is likely to find an ally in Ireland. Many in the industry want ministers to go much further. "This has to be tackled by buying them [the Dutch and Spanish] out," Mr Portus said.

"They parted with money to acquire the licences and the Government should buy them back at the market rate and close the door for ever on a market in licences."



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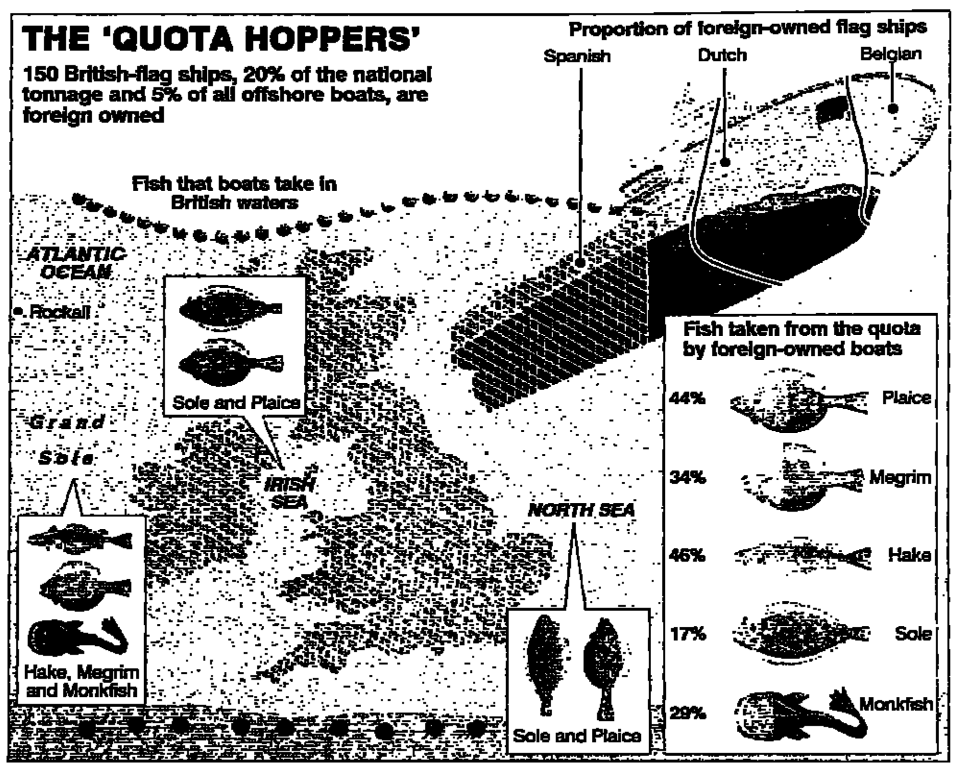
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Tide of anger rises against quota 'traitors'

THE FISHERMEN

JOHN BUTTERWITH was determined that the licence would not go to abroad when he put his steel-sterned inshore trawler *Quo Vadis* up for sale. He is a campaign manager for the *Save British Fish* campaign and a fierce opponent of quota hoppers.

He turned down an offer from one agency which represents a fleet of Spanish vessels, and accepted another from a fisherman from Lerwick in the Shetlands. Within weeks, the licence had been sold on for about £15,000 to the Anglo-Spaniards who had expressed the original interest. For Mr Butterwith, 53, of Appledore, North Devon, it was a devastating blow.

"What incenses me is that the tonnage of fish has gone to Spain," he said. "Not only is the licence lost to Spain, but we have also lost for ever the allocation of fish from the quota.

"What the company did was not illegal but, to my mind, it is absolutely disgraceful practice."

Billy Hardie, 50, one of the last Grimsby trawlermen to remember deep-water fishing off Iceland and Greenland, is shortly to return to sea with the *Chrissie H* after his fishing boat sank ten miles east of Grimsby in a storm last year. He could have sold his licence, along with his established track record, to the highest bidder from Holland, but decided to go back to the sea. He is not sure he has made the right decision.

"The people who have got the cash to buy them are the continentals. I suppose I could have sold the licence and track record for so much if I was in hock to the bank and Dutchmen were offering £10,000 to £20,000 more."

John Hancock, owner-skipper of the 80ft netter and longliner *The Silver Line*, clashed with a Belgian quota hopper west of the Shetlands earlier this week. He lost his tangle nets and the fish caught in them.

As he limped home to Grimsby earlier in the week, he did not need the assistance of calculations scribbled on the back of a cigarette packet to realise that he was likely to get little return for ten days of back-breaking and hand-blistering work in treacherous seas.

"Quota hopping is an immense problem," he said. "It is hitting the livelihood of UK fishermen because there simply aren't enough fish to go around."

The Spanish pioneered flag ships. It is the Dutch who are the newcomers and it is on the East coast where feelings are running highest.

"Quite frankly, the people who have done this [sold licences to Dutch interests] are traitors to their own cause," said one fish merchant in Grimsby.

Dolly Hardie, 75, is the founder of the Grimsby-based British Fishermen's Association. She said: "Everybody in the British industry is suffering because of quota hopping, especially in Grimsby. There are Dutch, Belgians, French and Danes flying the flag of convenience.

"They are decommissioning off their own register and, through a loophole in the law, they can re-register with the British. They are taking the British fishermen's livelihoods."

Englishman defends Spanish armada

THE AGENT

TONY BEADEL, a businessman who represents a fleet of Anglo-Spanish boats from his office in Paignton, Devon, refuses to acknowledge the term "quota hopper".

He said that the Spanish had been unfairly labelled marauders when they were merely trying to protect their right to fish traditional grounds in the Grand Sole, which stretches from the southwest tip of Ireland to Rockall.

They have been acquiring licences since the late 1970s to fish for hake, megrim and monkfish. These fishermen, Mr Beadel said, had fished waters in which British trawlermen had little interest for species of fish at which British shoppers would turn up their noses.

The Spaniards were there first, had paid for the privilege and the waters were mainly Irish rather than British, he said.

"It is a myth that Anglo-Spanish boats are coming here buying, buying, buying. No self-respecting Spaniard is going to pay the amount of money that they are now asking for." Mr Beadel said. "We are really not that active but people in the South West are obsessed by our vessels. They covet what we have.

"What they want to do is get our boats off the register so they can go back to Europe and say we have complied with your targets, get all the grants going and become millionaires."

Mr Beadel was scathing about the Government, which he believes has only helped to create a market in licences "through their own stupidity", and about British fishermen who had "hammered" their own stocks closer to home.

The Anglo-Spanish trawlers took their case to the European Court of Justice and won and now the Dutch, who he said had been sitting on the sidelines, were moving in to exploit the market which had been opened to them.

Mr Beadel denied that he operated as a front man for Spanish interests but acknowledged that if a Spanish trawler skipper needed a licence then he could help to match the buyer with a potential seller. It was a matter of picking up the telephone, he said.

That was usually the extent of his involvement in the deals that British trawlermen claim are robbing them of their livelihood. It was Mr Beadel who eventually bought the licence for the *Quo Vadis*. He said that he was simply offered the licence for £15,000 through a dealer and decided to take it.

Instructor survives head injury at 4,000ft

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A PILOT flew 14 miles to safety after being knocked almost unconscious when the cockpit canopy flew off and struck him in the face. Geoff Orde, an aerobatics instructor, had to contend with blood pouring into his eyes from a deep head wound and the increased drag created by the missing canopy.

At one point his pupil Catherine Vassallow, who was on her first advanced lesson, thought he was about to pass out and steeled herself to take control. A forced landing was averted only when the single-engined T67 aircraft flew into a thermal, which gave it enough lift to reach Newcastle upon Tyne airport.

Yesterday, back on the ground Mr Orde, 58, a former RAF instructor, recalled the incident at 4,000ft over the Northumbrian countryside last weekend. "I got quite a shock, but Catherine was brilliant. She didn't panic at all and kept her spirits up throughout. It was her first aerobatics lesson and she had an excellent attitude.

"We immediately turned towards Newcastle airport, but because the canopy was missing the plane was suffering a lot of wind drag and started to lose height. I began to think I might have to make an emergency landing in a field or on a road. However, as we got closer to the ground we hit some thermals and they kept us going until we landed. It was only when we landed that Catherine told me what she really thought."

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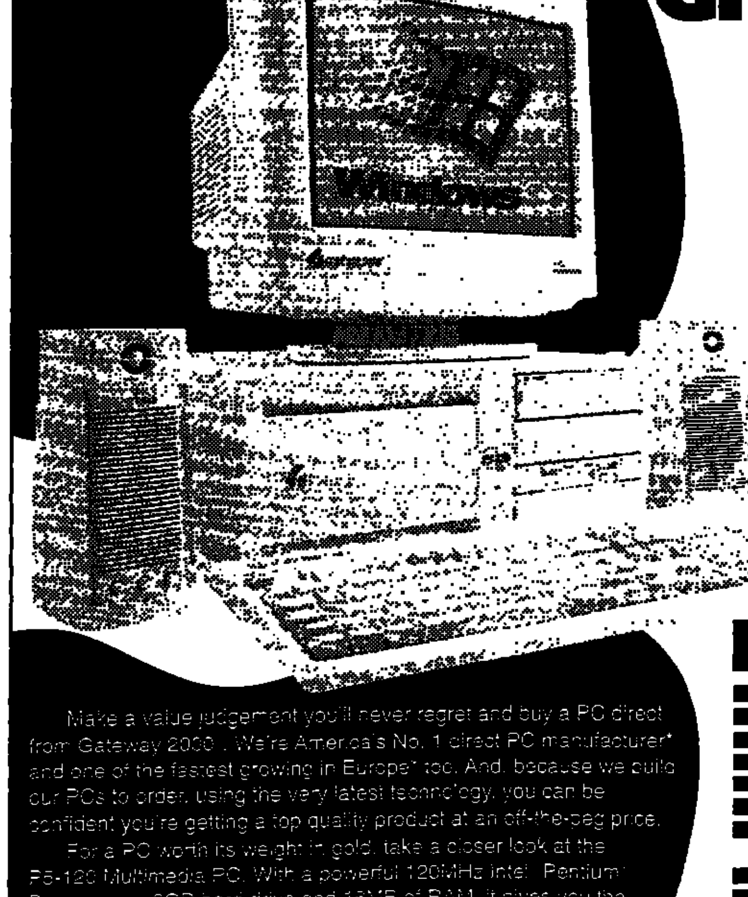

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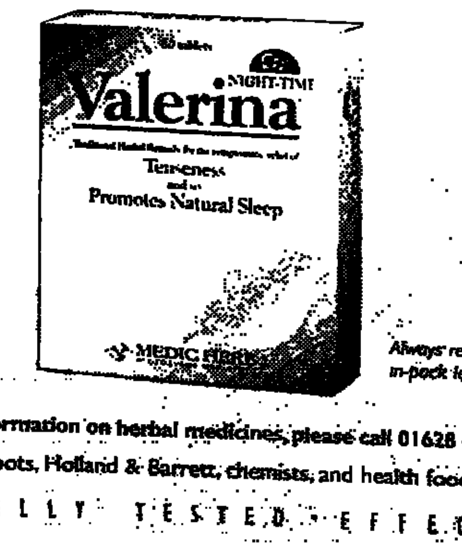

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Secrets of a weird marriage revealed in Dalí's castle

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN PÚBOL

THE *shrill-blue* bedroom in Púbol Castle near Gerona, northeastern Spain, in which Salvador Dalí was nearly burnt to a crisp as he lay asleep 12 years ago, has been restored at last to its former freakish glory and is now open to the public for the first time. In one corner of the room there is a bright-red fire extinguisher.

The Surrealist painter with the curling moustache abandoned the castle after his brush with death on August 30, 1984. Twelve years later the renovated castle gives the visitor a fascinating lesson in the life and mind of Dalí and, particularly, in his relationship with his Russian wife, Gala.

The painter lived here for only two years, after his wife's death in 1982. The castle was really Gala's home, given to her as a present by the dementedly doting Dalí in 1970. By a masochistic contract, the painter insisted that she should live there alone, allowing him to visit her only when she *summoned him* expressly.

Gala, who has been described, perhaps unfairly, as "one of the most evil women of our age", scarcely ever *allowed him in*, although she did speak to him daily on the telephone. Yet there is no question that she could often goad and inspire her husband-slave to great artistic heights, his painting of her naked back being perhaps the most sensual portrayal of the female form in 20th-century art (other Gala-based efforts, however, such as *Portrait of Gala with Two Lamb Chops* or *Automatic Beginning of a Portrait of Gala*, both of which hang at the Dalí Museum in Figueras, are but the crude works of a lovesick man).

Dalí: was dementedly obsessed with his wife

The extent of this lovesickness is described vividly by Fleur Cowles, Dalí's biographer. Cowles writes of an occasion when the two were standing together on the edge of a cliff. Aware that there was something Gala wanted him to do, Dalí drew back her head, pulling her by the hair. *Trembling abjectly*, he ordered her to tell him what she wanted him to do to her. "But tell me slowly, looking me in the eyes, with the crudest, most ferociously erotic words that make us both feel the greatest shame!" Gala, ice-cool, replied: "I want you to kill me."

The castle reveals the depths of Dalí's obsession with Gala, described by Cowles as "reaching the limit of dementia". The manner of its decoration, with echoes, emblems and motifs of his wife in every corner, shows *the extent of the painter's* devotion to the greedy muse who cashed in ruthlessly on his notoriety. Wags who knew the couple used to remark that the anagrammatic form of "Salvador Dalí" — Avida Dollars — would be a fitting name for Gala.

There are sumptuous beds everywhere, proof that Dalí aided and abetted his wife's renowned nymphomania. As biographers of both Gala and Dalí *have* described, "the wicked lady" enjoyed at Púbol a succession of sturdy lovers drawn from among the local fishermen and yokels. Village folklore has it that she *sent for young men even in* her last days. She died at the age of 88.

Dalí was ten years younger than his wife and throughout his life behaved like a little boy when he was with her. Púbol Castle is dotted with his childish attempts to please Gala, none more illuminating of his state than the statues in the castle grounds *of elephants* with the long legs of giraffes. There is a stuffed giraffe, too, which gazes dolefully on Gala's simple tomb in the castle crypt.

In the garage near the crypt rests a shiny blue Cadillac, still with its Monaco licence plate, in which a distraught Dalí took Gala for "her last ride around the estate" *after* she had died.

The castle's restoration, which took two years, was done by Oriol Clos i Costa, the Catalan architect. "We have left things exactly as Dalí arranged them," the architect said, "and tried to repair the place without erasing the ravages of time."

The sleepy village of Púbol, however, has been jolted into a new era. The barmaid of an inn by the castle said: "We have received more visitors this week alone, after the castle opened, than in the rest of the year put together. Dalí, may he rest in peace, has changed our lives at last."

The Spanish Treasury, which owns the castle and manages the Dalí estate, spent nearly £2 million on its restoration. With its opening, Púbol Castle has completed an irresistible triangle for "Dalíphiles", along with the museum of his works at Figueras and the artist's home in Cadaqués.

Púbol Castle is littered with Dalí's distinctively strange touches: here a lion's head decorates the top of a dining-room cupboard

Gala's bedroom, left, and an outside view of Púbol Castle, where Dalí lived after his wife's death

Police in Jakarta seize party chief blamed for riots

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN JAKARTA

INDONESIAN authorities arrested the man they have accused of instigating last month's riots in Jakarta, and nine of his associates.

A prize-winning author, Praemodya Ananta Toer, and Sukmawati Sukarnoputri, sister of the country's pro-democracy figurehead, Megawati Sukarnoputri, were also summoned for questioning yesterday in connection with the July 27 unrest.

Budiman Sudjatmiko, 26, leader of the fledgeling Democratic People's Party (PRD), who had gone into hiding after the riots was arrested with other activists in a Jakarta suburb on Sunday night. He has been accused of infiltrating the supporters of Megawati Sukarnoputri, the ousted leader of the Indonesian Democracy Party (PDI), provoking an internal party conflict and inciting them to riot; defaming President Suharto; and having links with the Indonesian Communist Party (PKI), banned after an abortive coup in 1965.

The riot started after the military stormed the PDI headquarters in the morning of July 27. Experts say the ensuing unrest, in which three people died, was a spontaneous outpouring of frustration at the economic disparity in Indonesia and not the result of political insurgency.

The police have yet to charge Mr Sudjatmiko, but it is thought he will eventually face trial for subversion, which carries the death penalty. An army spokesman said documents seized from Mr Sudjatmiko gave a "clear indication" the PRD had links with the Communists.

Yesterday Mr Suharto reiterated earlier statements that the PRD was a subversive organisation. He said the members "use the conflict in PDI to try to overthrow the legitimate Government and replace the national ideology with something alien to us".

The PRD is a loose coalition of labour and student organisations. Officially formed in July, it has fewer than 1,000 members.

Analysts fear that the Government will use the flexible subversion law to detain pro-democracy activists indefinitely, without charging them.

Sukmawati: questioned

Ethnic hate fuelled by killing of Cypriot

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

THOUSANDS of mourners are expected to attend the funeral in Cyprus today of Tassos Isaac, a 24-year-old Greek Cypriot who was battered to death by Turkish Cypriots on Sunday during clashes in the island's United Nations-controlled buffer zone.

UN officials said the killing highlighted the need to solve the long-running Cyprus problem but had soured the atmosphere for diplomacy, deepening animosity and mistrust between the estranged communities, which were blaming each other yesterday for the bloodshed.

"Barbarous murderers!" declared a headline in one Greek Cypriot newspaper while several carried pictures of Mr Isaac, a newly-wed restaurant owner, being bludgeoned with stones and batons as he lay trapped in a barbed-wire barricade.

Greek Cypriot television stations said he was one of three men they showed being savagely beaten.

Violence erupted after several hundred motorcyclists stormed into the buffer zone to protest against the continuing Turkish occupation of northern Cyprus. UN forces remained on full alert yesterday.

The Cyprus Government protested to the UN's representative in Nicosia and to the ambassadors of the five permanent members of the Security Council about the killing.

Tokyo blitz on subway gropers

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

TOKYO police have launched a campaign against *chikan*, men who make rush-hour train journeys a torment for women by molesting them.

Muggings and general thuggery are virtually unknown in Japan's public transport system. The scourge of the underground and the commuter trains is the molester, typically a sober-suited, white-collar worker who seeks thrills by preying on women crushed in the trap of passengers.

The victims include women of all ages; even schoolgirls are a target. Three-quarters of female secondary school students surveyed by the police said they had been molested on trains. Only 2 per cent said they had reported the crime, ranging from being groped to indecent assault. Japan's culture of shame inhibits the victims from making a scene and most are too shy to call for help or to fight back.

So crowded are rush-hour trains in big cities that escape between stations is impossible: passengers on the Tokyo underground are packed into carriages by "pushers".

But concern about the psychological damage to pupils has forced the Tokyo police into action and anti-*chikan* units have been set up. Announcements in rush-hour trains and advertisements in the media urge victims to help the police in catching the molesters.

Women's rights groups say the problem of *chikan* on public transport has worsened because of the lenient treatment accorded to the few offenders who have been caught. Molesters are normally let off with a scolding from the station master or, at most, a small fine.

Yumiko Sugihara, of a women's association that protests against sexual violence, said: "The issue is the tolerance that regards this deviation as male naughtiness rather than a crime."

The police say they are doing their best. "The difficulty is there are so many of them, and they are bold beyond belief," a woman police

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS IN ZAMBIA: THE OVERWHELMING WISHES OF THE ZAMBIAN PEOPLE

Some concerns have been expressed by a good number of our friends especially in some countries in the Western World about the motive of the Constitutional Reforms in Zambia. They have had the impression that the recent amendments made to the Zambian Constitution were arrived at deliberately to exclude the former President of Zambia, Dr Kenneth D Kaunda from standing in this year's Presidential Elections. This impression is far from the reality. Please read on for the reality about the Constitutional amendments.

In 1972 the Mainza Chona Constitutional Commission whose terms of reference were to consult the Zambian people on how to introduce and strengthen a One Party System recommended among other things that the President of the Republic should not serve more than two terms of five years each and that the President should be a true Zambian. In its white paper, the Government did not accept these recommendations for obvious reasons.

In 1991 the Professor Mvunga Commission whose terms of reference included the reintroduction of the Multi-Party system repeated, among others, the recommendations that had been made about twenty years earlier namely on the citizenship of the Presidential candidates and also on the limitation of the maximum period of the tenure of office of two terms of five years each. In its white paper the Government could not accept these recommendations again for obvious reasons. The Government however decided that the work of reforming the Constitution would continue after the 1991 General Elections.

In conformity with the recommendations made by the Government under the former President Dr Kaunda, the new Government under President Frederick J T Chiluba, a Constitutional Review Commission was appointed in November 1993 and it comprised members from the Ruling Party MMD, the main opposition Party at the time UNIP, several other small political parties, Church Organisations, Trade Union Movement and several other professional associations. A leading and prominent Zambian personality, former school master, Government Minister under Dr Kaunda, a business man and a respected lawyer, Mr John Mwanakatwe, was appointed Commission Chairman.

The Mwanakatwe Commission started work in March 1994 and gathered views and opinions from the Zambian citizenry from all the districts in the country. It is important to note that during the work of the Mwanakatwe Constitutional Commission, Dr Kaunda was never a factor because he had retired from politics in June 1992 when he helped elect a young man, the late Kebby Musokotwane, as the new President of UNIP. In his farewell statement Dr Kaunda said among other things that he was proud to hand over the leadership of the Party to a young man. He said that he was going to concentrate his efforts in working for the "Kenneth Kaunda Peace Foundation."

In 1993 the Zambian Parliament passed a bill creating an office of the Past President and determined a retirement package for Dr Kaunda which was backdated to the time he left State House.

The Mwanakwatwe Commission repeated among other things the two recommendations which had always been made by the previous Constitutional Review Commissions on the citizenship of a Presidential candidate and the limitations of the term of office to two terms. These requirements do not apply to all other jobs in the country which are open to everybody.

Dr Kaunda announced his return to politics in June 1995. By this time the Commission had already done its work and therefore Dr Kaunda could not have been the target nor a factor during the work of the Constitutional Review Commission.

Meanwhile, most Zambian people are disappointed with Dr Kaunda's return to politics. They would have preferred to see him retire and be honoured.

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Battle for Grozny rages in face of Lebed 'truce deal'

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW AND
RICHARD BEESTON IN GROZNY

ALEKSANDR LEBED, the Russian security chief, staked his political reputation yesterday on ending the civil war in Chechenia when he announced a new ceasefire and took on sweeping powers to deal with the crisis.

Returning from a lightning trip to the war-torn Caucasian republic, the general, who is now President Yeltsin's special representative to Chechenia, declared that Moscow's current policy there was a shambles. "There is no more important question for Russia than Chechenia. It is an open wound," he said.

General Lebed, who met Aslan Maskhadov, the Chechen chief of staff, at a night-time rendezvous in the south of the republic, said they had agreed to a "90 per cent ceasefire". Russian troops and the rebels were also to withdraw. In the past week of the 20-month war, Colonel Maskhadov's lightly armed men have humiliated the Russians by recapturing most of Grozny, the Chechen capital.

But the claims of a fresh truce by General Lebed brought little relief yesterday to the citizens of Grozny as the clatter of helicopter rotor blades, the crackle of sniper fire and the flood of fresh refugees continued unabated. Both sides also appeared determined to continue their bloody contest for what is left of the devastated city.

Last night Chechen rebels launched a major surprise attack on the main Russian army base outside Grozny, the Interfax news agency said. It quoted a military official as saying the rebels "opened up with massive fire" on guard posts of the Khankala base.

On Grozny's streets, dead bodies lay where they fell and the wounded continued to flood into overcrowded hospitals. International aid workers, who have been attempting for a week to gain access to the thousands of desperate civilians, also had nothing encouraging to report.

But some Chechens, who had heard of General Lebed's peace mission, said there was a glimmer of hope that a peaceful settlement could be reached. "Lebed is all right," said Shadit Bardurgov, who comes from the rebel stronghold of Bamut, south of Grozny. "He understands that we want peace. His problem is that he has to convince the people in Moscow that it is time to stop fighting."

General Lebed, in stark contrast to most official Moscow pronouncements about the conflict, yesterday made no pretence that the Russian military performance in Chechenia was anything other than catastrophic. He said his car had been fired on twice, once definitely from the Russian side. The soldiers he met at checkpoints were poorly dressed and underfed. "I imagine that partisans in the Great Patriotic War dressed much better," he commented.

The general, speaking soon after a meeting with President Yeltsin in the Kremlin, said he had been given new powers to deal with the conflict; in effect, making him a tsarist-style "Governor-General" for the republic.

He was critical of those presently involved in policy on Chechenia, saying that three press spokesmen should just "go fishing and grow raspberries at their dachas". As for Doku Zavgayev, the head of the pro-Moscow Government in Grozny on whom the Kremlin had laid great hopes, General Lebed accused him of telling "torrents of lies".

Lebed: new powers

The former Afghan war veteran, who had opposed the Chechen conflict on principle right from the start, appears to have come down firmly on the side of a negotiated solution. "We have to read our own history," he said. "In the last century, Russia could not defeat the Chechens. Diplomacy won. That's how we should act today." He added that "we can talk tomorrow" about beginning a pullout of troops.

On the political front, he claimed that Colonel Maskhadov was prepared to accept that Chechenia could not be an independent state and had to be part of Russia. The rebel side did not comment on that and it is unlikely to be true.

Observers see General Lebed as still politically inexperienced, and it would be rash to rest too high hopes on his chances of success.

But Emil Pain, one of Mr Yeltsin's key advisers on Chechenia, said yesterday his sheer force of personality might be just what was needed to make a new agreement finally stick in Chechenia. "At the moment we badly need a locomotive which can move the cart from the rut where it is stuck," he added.

A Russian watchdog group, meanwhile, condemned the Kremlin's forces for shooting at journalists in Chechenia. The Glasnost Defence Foundation said reporters from WTN, Agence France-Presse, the Spanish EFE agency, the Prague-based Radio Liberty, and CNN came under fire from helicopter gunships while travelling in their vehicles to cover the conflict.

☐ **Bomb blast:** A bomb exploded on a crowded train as it pulled out of a railway station outside the southern Russian city of Volgograd yesterday. A woman was killed and several people hurt. A police spokesman blamed the attack on "terrorists", and officials said there could be a link with the conflict in Chechenia. *(Reuter)*

An East German soldier keeps a careful eye on a workman as he helps to build a section of the Berlin Wall on August 13, 1961

Capitalists make their marks on Berlin Wall

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BERLIN

THE Berlin Wall, which divided the city when East German bricklayers started building it 35 years ago today, is gaining a new notoriety: as an object for capitalist investment. Small pieces of it sell for £2 a time.

There are few big slabs visible and tourists search in vain for the concrete of East Germany's "Anti-Fascist Protection Wall" that snaked for nearly 100 miles.

Checkpoint Charlie has disappeared. The hut on the Western side has become part of an Allied museum in a distant Berlin suburb and the Eastern controls have been slackened. There is now only a mocking wooden board — "Halt! You are entering a building site". — a historic sign in English, Russian and French announcing that the visitor is leaving the American sector and a garish golden Statue of Liberty. Everything else — the minefields, the dog runs, the watch towers, the barbed wire — has given way to commerce. Friedrichstrasse, once the most dynamic street in the Kaiser's Berlin, was amputated by the wall. Now the street is a long, chaotic building site — cranes with police escorts criss-cross the former East-West frontier — and promises a return to its prewar bustle.

The search for the Wall is wearying: modern Germany does not want any concrete relics, any reminders of division. The cash-strapped Berlin council has just sold a chunk of the wall to Disneyland; a slice is in a glass case in the Europa centre shopping complex. Other fragments are in the hands of private collectors. Two students bought ten tonnes of wall concrete for £20,000 and are hoping that by 1999, the tenth anniversary of the wall's destruction, their investment will be worth close to £800,000.

Some parts of the wall, colourfully daubed by graffiti painters, are under a conservation order. But that has not stopped small-time entrepreneurs from chipping away. One segment, known as the East Side Gallery because of the high quality of its graffiti, forms part of an encampment of drug dealers and petty thieves. After one of these squatters was stabbed, the police moved in, raiding the caravans and makeshift dwellings. Yesterday the dealers were back, protected by their snarling dogs, and it was almost as difficult as in the East German communist days to approach the wall.

Hans-Joachim Mauz, Germany's best-selling psychotherapist, said yesterday that the wall was now in people's heads rather than on the ground. "The Western arrogance is still there," he said. "I can see no serious tendency in the West to acknowledge that the Eastern lifestyle also had certain advantages."

Rudolf Stiege, of the *Berliner Morgenpost*, said yesterday that of the 16,000 Berlin couples who have married since the collapse of the wall, only 377 involved East Berlin women wedding Westerners. A mere 185 West Berlin women were prepared to marry East Berlin males. Last year, fewer than 4 per cent of Berlin marriages crossed the old East-West frontier. According to Herr Stiege, even some of those marriages are in trouble. "Different mentalities are destroying marital harmony. Westerners, whether female or male, often feel superior while Eastern partners often suffer from inferiority complexes. If such attitudes divide men and women, how can we possibly hope for true political and social unification?"

An East German destroys part of the wall in 1989

German unification has entered what might be termed the post-heroic phase. A museum a few yards from Checkpoint Charlie chronicles the astonishing escape attempts of the Cold War: the tunnel dug by students, the car reinforced with concrete that rammed its way through the communist barriers, the improvised chairlifts, the hollowed-out suitcases and home-made helicopters.

At least 255 people were killed trying to cross the Berlin Wall. A further 371 lost their lives trying to cross the East-West German frontier and 189 died trying to escape across the Baltic. Today nobody loses their life crossing from East into West Berlin, but they do have to watch the traffic. And, it seems, they should do their best to avoid the register office.

French Catholics renounce baptism in defiance of Pope

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

HUNDREDS OF French Roman Catholics have asked to be "un-baptised" in a protest over the Pope's visit to France next month.

The move comes after controversy in France over the Vatican's conservative approach to such issues as abortion and Aids. Denouncing the Pope as "reactionary", several hundred critics have written to French churches asking that their names should be removed from baptism registers. Although Catholicism makes no provision for an "un-baptism", most French bishops have agreed to amend their registers to take account of the protesters' "wish no longer to belong to the Catholic Church".

The movement started in Montpellier, southern France, where a libertarian association, *Vivre au présent*, advises its members to "renounce their baptism", threatening the Church with legal action if it fails to comply. The association says it will take bishops who refuse an "un-baptism" to the European Court of Human Rights.

However, as preparations for next month's papal visit get under way, the protest has spread to reach Catholics who say they have been driven out of the Church by the Pope's teachings. The diocese of Paris says the movement was taking on "extremely serious" proportions. "We had 20 requests for un-baptisms in June and July alone, as many as for the whole of the rest of the year."

Staff at the diocese said protesters often demanded that their names by "wiped off" the registers before the papal visit to France on September 19. The requests come 18 months after the Vatican angered large numbers of left-wing Catholics by dismissing the Bishop of Evreux, Mgr Jacques Gaillot, for criticising the Pope. He had called for the use of condoms to prevent Aids, tolerance of homosexuality and ordination of women priests.

The Pope is to participate in official celebrations to commemorate the 1,500th anniversary of the baptism of Clovis, the first Christian King of the Franks, and to many historians founder of the French nation.

Airport strike hits tourists

Paris: Thousands of tourists who had booked holidays in the French Riviera found themselves stranded over one of the country's busiest holiday weekends as a strike by ground crew and luggage handlers over a pay dispute at Nice airport moved into its third day yesterday (Susan Bell writes).

Air France and its domestic and European branch, Air France Europe, were forced to cancel a total of 17 flights to and from Nice yesterday. The two state-owned airlines chartered coaches and high-speed trains to ferry stranded passengers to their destinations.

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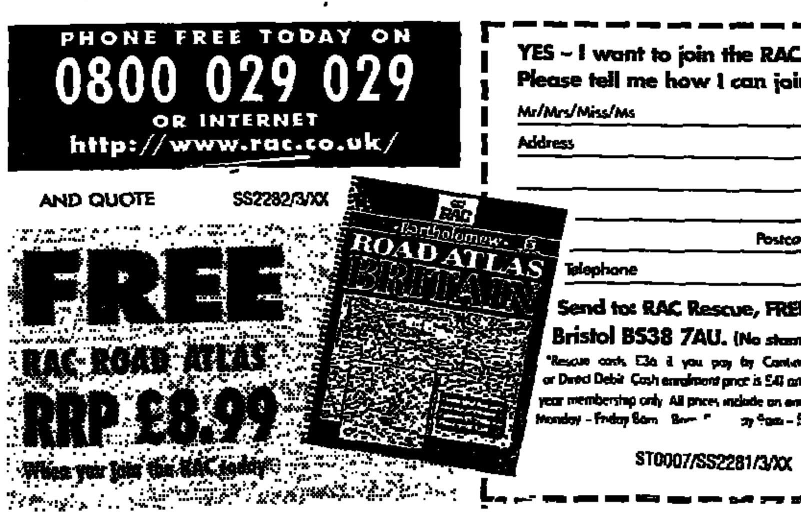

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Dole's rival declares 'truce of San Diego' but claims credit for hardline manifesto

Buchanan orders his rebel army to defeat Clinton

From Martin Fletcher in San Diego

THE Republican party convention opened with another boost for Bob Dole yesterday when Pat Buchanan abandoned his threat to form a breakaway party, declared a temporary *truce in* his war with the Republican establishment, and ordered his rebel *army to start* working for President Clinton's defeat.

"Let us, at least for the next ten weeks, nobles and knights and even the *peasants with* pitchforks, suspend our battles with one another and join in common cause to defeat Bill Clinton," Mr Buchanan urged 1,500 fanatical *supporters* at his mini-*convention in a con*ference centre 30 miles outside San Diego. Later yesterday, he *became the last of Mr Dole's* primary rivals officially to endorse him.

A *Gallup* poll provided more good news for Mr Dole, showing him closing to within nine percentage points of Mr Clinton, or 12 if Ross Perot joins the race, and suggested Mr Dole had been boosted by *his daring selection of* Jack Kemp as his running-mate.

The Dole camp welcomed Mr Buchanan's call for a "truce of San Diego", but it was clear why the right-wing populist, who won New Hampshire and received 3.1 million votes in the Republican primaries, has been *barred from addressing the* convention.

His fiery speech echoed his xenophobic, ultra-conservative offering to the 1992 Republican convention that turned off millions of moderate voters. The great issue *of the next* century would be "whether America survives as an independent *republic with her own* defined borders, a common language and a common culture", *he said. However, this* year he not only restated his opposition to abortion, immigration, free trade and the alleged erosion of sovereignty by bodies such as the United Nations, but also insisted he *was* winning the battle of ideas within the party.

Mr Buchanan claimed with *some justification that* "whole sections" of the hardline manifesto which the convention *adopted yesterday* had been lifted from his speeches. "Before our eyes, this is becoming a Buchanan party ... our rivals may be the ones waving from the podium down there in San Diego, but it is our *ideas that now* reflect the grassroots of this party and our ideas that are now embed*ded within* the Republican *platform,"* *declared* Mr Buchanan, who wept as he ended not only his speech but his 1996 presidential campaign.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION '96

Mr Buchanan's message was utterly at odds with the moderate image that organisers of the official convention are determined to project this week to millions of television viewers who suspect that the party has been taken over by extremists.

The $28 million (£18 million) gathering in San Diego is in reality a meticulously scripted *four-day television show masquerading* as a convention. The speakers are overwhelm*ingly centrist* and include numerous women. They have each been told what to talk about, what to wear and not to exceed five minutes. The entire production has been synchronised to fit in with the TV *network schedules.*

Michael Manafort, the consultant who masterminded *the convention, acknowledged* there would be no genuine political debate. Three gover*nors who refused to be orchestrated* have lost their speaking slots. The delegates have been *relegated* to the role of studio audience, and the layout of the hall underscores their irrelevance. The podium looks straight into a bank of television cameras and makeshift studios, with most delegates seated in extremities of the hall from which they cannot possibly see the speakers.

Last night's speakers included two former Presidents, George Bush and Gerald Ford, *the hugely popular* Colin Powell, and Nancy Reagan, who was to pay a tribute to her ailing husband after an emotional film about his life. It was a glittering lineup, but one *far removed* ideologically from the strongly conservative delegations on *the floor.*

☐ **Washington:** The presence of Marion Barry at the con*vention has outraged most* Republicans in San Diego (Tom Rhodes writes). The Democratic Mayor of Washington, once jailed for smoking crack, cocaine, claimed that his visit was to promote his city as a tourist centre.

"Don't just characterise this as for Republicans only, be*cause a lot of non-Republicans* will be there, including myself," he said. Republicans *retorted* that his trip was a misuse of taxpayers' money.

Bob Dole, the Republican presidential candidate, waits to take part in a radio talkshow in San Diego

Supporters on the boat carrying Bob Dole and Jack Kemp to the San Diego convention wave election posters backing the double ticket

Spirit of Reagan has firm hand on tiller

Tim Hames looks at how active grassroots Republicans made the party's presidential nominee reassess his views

THE choice of San Diego for the Republican national convention this year may be contestable politically, given the vast Clinton lead in California and the Dole campaign's need to concentrate on the industrial Midwest.

However, it is apt in a *different sense. While this* is Bob Dole's nomination, the delegates here reflect Ronald *Reagan's Republicanism and* Newt Gingrich's conservatism rather more accurately than Mr Dole's position. The delegates are also a reflection of the wider Republican Party beyond this meeting.

The most striking *element* of the attitudes on display is the near-unanimous support *for a radical economic* approach. A backing so powerful that Mr Dole felt obliged *to drop his policies and move* towards a Reagan-Gingrich agenda with Jack Kemp's *selection* as *running-mate* held as proof of this conversion.

Virtually all Republicans favour massive reductions in taxation, a wholesale assault *on government spending* except defence, and a constitutionally enforced balanced budget. Any of these positions would have been thought wild 20 years ago. They now count as mainstream.

That *unanimity* enters wide areas of other domestic policy. There is little dissent about *the virtues of a market-based* health system, the need for fundamental devolution of *power away from* Washington to the states, deregulation of business, a work-based welfare *system, and an anti*crime stance emphasising draconian sentences.

There are, of course, major differences in some matters. They tend to centre on the role of the Religious Right and what the party line should be on questions of public morality and personal responsibility. While abortion is the most obvious and highly charged dimension, divisions exist over affirmative action and what prayers should be permitted in schools.

However, even here two things must be remembered. The overwhelming majority of delegates and regular Republican voters accept the social conservative stance, al*beit with some exceptions for* difficult cases (rape, incest, the mother's life), on abortion. More broadly there is a tendency to label politicians exclusively by *their* views on abortion.

Modern Republicans are badly divided on foreign policy, including related items such as immigration and trade. This may seem odd *given that under Presidents* Eisenhower, Nixon, Reagan and Bush the party gained a *reputation for competent and* confident leadership in international affairs.

The end of the Cold War and defeat in 1992 changed all that. There are now at least six rival elements in Republican thinking. Those who favour an activist unilateral policy on behalf of American interests; an active unilateralism in support of American values; a selective military posture; traditional *internationalism;* military isolationism but economic engagements; and the *pure isolationism and protec*tionism of Pat Buchanan. Mr Dole's dogged but unusual backing for traditional internationalism disguises the degree of *his party's splits.*

The irony of all this will be seen when the Democrats gather in Chicago two weeks hence. For *they* demonstrate the opposite traits. The party is hopelessly uncertain of its views *on economic and do*mestic policy. For example, Democrats in the House of *Representatives divided* exactly in half on the recent welfare reform Bill.

Senate *Democrats place* a high priority on a balanced budget, House Democrats do not. On the other hand, there is widespread consensus favouring a liberal position on social issues. There is also increasing *agreement* behind the economic-centred foreign policy that Bill Clinton has followed since late 1993.

Whether either set of positions and factions accurately *reflects American public opin*ion is the most debatable point of the lot.

Faithful give messiah Perot rowdy welcome

From Giles Whittell in Long Beach

ROSS PEROT, addressing his Reform Party for the first time since announc*ing that he would run again for the* White House, was introduced by adoring volunteers less as a politician than *a messiah.*

The Texan billionaire who won 19 per cent of votes cast in the 1992 presidential election made his entrance at the Long Beach convention centre after appearances by two admirers who owed him their lives, and by an Arkansas woman whose house repairs he paid for after a tornado.

Mr Perot confined himself to "facts *and figures". With the help of* at least a dozen bar charts, the crewcut candidate, who cuts an increasingly quixotic *figure, spent an hour hectoring* a packed and rowdy hall on the evils of special interests, negative campaign*ing and trade and budget deficits.* "Who do the people in Washington work for?" he demanded at one point. "Us," the Perotistas roared. "Who pays their salaries?" "We do!"

It was a knockabout performance likely to secure his election as the *party's official candidate. It will also* dismay those of the party's 1.1 million members who believe their best hope *of being taken seriously is under* Richard Lamm, the former Colorado Governor and Mr Perot's only rival.

Mr Lamm, once a Democrat, attacked President Clinton's foot-dragging on Republican Medicare reform as "a defining moment when my party and my President blatantly put politics above the good of the country". He condemned as a gimmick Bob Dole's 15 *per* cent tax cut *plan,* but won loudest cheers for a tough stand on immigration.

Voting to decide between Messrs Perot and Lamm started on Sunday and continues by post, telephone and *computer until next weekend when the* party reconvenes in Pennsylvania.

TWA crash cause 'near right wing'

New York: Investigators remain baffled about why TWA Flight 800 crashed last month, *but they appeared* yesterday to have decided that the cause, whatever it was, was just *above the jumbo* jet's right wing (Quentin Letts writes).

Pieces of the metal skin *from that part of the* fuselage were found to have "bulged and peeled", one report said. The *suspect area is near the* Boeing 747's central fuel tank.

The bulging metal might suggest a cabin bomb, *but the* US National Transportation Safety Board and the FBI — which has questioned a *Lebanese* bomber being held by Israel — are also giving serious consideration to the view that the crash *may* just as easily have been an accident.

Arafat plans plea to UN on Jerusalem

From Ross Dunn in Jerusalem

YASSIR ARAFAT, President of the Palestinian Authority, yesterday threatened to seek international arbitration if Israel allows the peace process to remain deadlocked.

He made his comments on Israeli state television, the first time he has given a full interview to an Israeli media *outlet.*

Mr Arafat said that the most pressing issue on the agenda was the *future* of Jerusalem, sacred to Arabs, Jews and Christians, which he said *should be given special status,* such as the Vatican has within Rome, where people could *move freely between* the two entities.

Asked what he would do if Israel refused *to shift from its position of retaining sover*eignty over the Holy City — reiterated on Sunday in an interview given to the Arabic Jerusalem daily *al-Quds* by Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister — Mr Arafat replied: "We have the United Nations, we have The Hague, we have co-sponsors [of the peace accords, the United States and Russia], we have the Security Council, we have the Europeans. We'll have to go to arbitration. It is an international need. There is no other choice."

In response to US pressure, police in Jerusalem yesterday announced plans to round up and expel 100,000 illegal foreign workers to create more *jobs for Palestinians in Israel.*

'Olive branch' welcomed in Hong Kong

From James Pringle in Hong Kong

HONG KONG'S largest political party yesterday firmly *ruled itself out of the selection* process for the territory's leader after it returns to Chinese rule next year, *but said it* appreciated the "olive branch" apparently offered by Peking *at the weekend.*

Martin Lee, chairman of the Democratic Party, said that he welcomed remarks by Qian Qichen, the Chinese Foreign Minister, to the 150-member Preparatory Committee formed to set up the transition of power next July 1. Mr Qian's remarks suggested that Peking was abandoning its earlier refusal to allow any role for the Democratic Party in government.

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Turkey joins Iran to purge 'Kurd terror'

By Michael Binyon, Diplomatic Editor

TURKEY *yesterday promised* "full co-operation" with Iran to crush Kurdish terrorism after the *signing of a $23 billion* (£14.8 billion) gas supply agreement that binds Ankara closer to Tehran.

Necmettin Erbakan, *the* Turkish Islamist Prime Minister, promised a rapid expansion of co-operation with Iran *and said they would join* forces to stop terrorist activities in the region. He was apparently referring to Kurdish rebel activity on the Iranian border, which has caused tension between the countries.

Mr Erbakan ended his three-day visit with the formal signing of the gas deal that has caused dismay in America. It provided for a 20-year supply of Iranian gas, and cripples *US attempts to isolate* Iran by imposing sanctions on firms investing in its energy sector.

Turkey has argued that the *deal, one of the* largest it has struck, does not expose it to American sanctions because 680 miles of the pipeline would be built on Turkish soil and the bulk of Turkish investment would remain in Turkey.

What will worry *Washing*ton, however, is the prospect of much closer ties between Turkey, a pivotal Nato member, and Iran.

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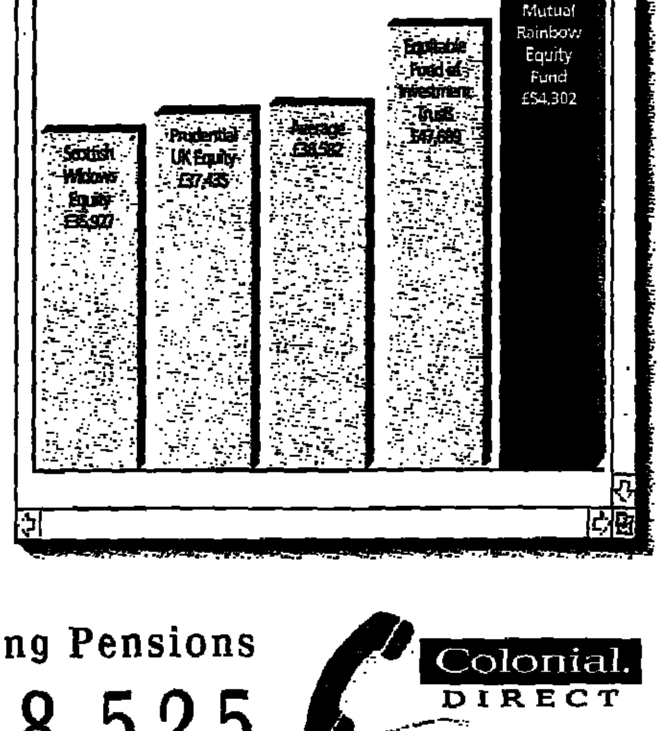

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My obsession with shoes

ADDICTION

On Day Two of our series, the irresistible allure of a shoeshop for one woman, and of unattainable teenage girls for one man; plus a look at possible methods of treatment

THE FOOTWEAR COLLECTOR

I don't think I'm a shoe addict. I really don't. But then I probably wouldn't. Most addicts deny their craving. It falls to others to point it out. I was first alerted to my condition a couple of years back, by my assistant at *Vogue*, who could contain herself no longer, as I shuffled by with yet another small rectangular carrier bag.

"You know what," she said, "you're an addict. I've never met anyone who buys so many shoes." Until that point I had just regarded myself as someone who was rather heavy on their feet, always having to replace a worn sole or terminally scuffed toe.

It was true that I had been known to buy three nearly identical pairs of black suede court shoes within the space of a week, but I'd never thought that was particularly unusual. Now I find a creeping guilt shrouds every purchase.

Why shoes became important to me in the first place remains a mystery. The closest I can get to self-analysis is that I must be wreaking my own small revenge on a series of elderly shop assistants in the early 1960s who, brandishing the Start Rite sliding rule, would cast one glance at my feet and mutter to the accompanying adult: "Oh, madam . . . I don't believe we have anything that size in stock. Your little girl is a double E."

EE condemned me to a childhood of hideous red school shoes that were always "roomy" and rounded as opposed to the more elegant, shiny, pointed-toe red shoes of my friends.

EE meant hours of sitting in the small chairs that swung around in the Harrods shoe department, while style after style was rejected on the grounds that my feet would not be able to "breathe". Is it any wonder that I now wear the highest heeled, most impractical and fragile footwear in town?

The other day it did occur to me that my shoe situation was getting out of hand. I was on my way to buy yet another canvas hanging bag for shoes, of the kind that allows you to stack a dozen pairs vertically hanging from a rail in the cupboard.

This was intended to induce some order into my shoe collection, but I ended up by having to move my clothes out altogether.

When my husband surveyed the scene he remarked that it was now impossible to fit anything into our bedroom cupboard, so I tried to compensate by utilising my old Manolo Blahnik and Stephan Kelian shoeboxes to house our toolkit.

I thought that by recycling them as useful storage for plugs, spanners, fuses etc. I was not only being practical but clearing the way for the impending avalanche of new winter footwear.

Shoes as objects do not particularly interest me but despite that I find them almost impossible to throw away. Memories of my life over the past 20 years can be triggered by a heel.

There is very little as unattractive as old shoes, but I treasure the tarnished gold stilettoes embroidered with little blue flowers because they remind me of a holiday in California.

I refuse to throw out a pair of jade green suede boots with a spectacularly ugly heel because they remind me of the excitement of buying my first flat. Some families have photograph albums, I have shoe bags. One of the most appealing aspects of shoes is that they are noticed by other people. The first pair of Manolo Blahnik's I ever owned were given to me as a cast-off from someone who had so many pairs she would wear them as others do their bedroom slippers.

They were scarlet velvet evening pumps with a Perspex buckle and they provoked comment (mostly favourable) wherever I went. It quickly became apparent to me that it doesn't really matter what else you wear so long as you have a pretty pair of shoes.

Most Englishwomen do not share this attitude. Witness your average wedding party, where a huge amount of effort will have gone into the hats and will have diminished the further down the body you travel, until you most likely meet a pair of rather shabby dark shoes that have crossed one car-parking field too many.

However, while most men remain at best reluctant to comment on a woman's wardrobe, they will always notice a good pair of shoes, from which I deduce that they spend a great deal of time looking down at the floor.

The other day a journalist wrote to me that friends doubted I had taken an illegal drug in my life. Perhaps friends should have told him about the shoes.

> I find that a creeping guilt greets each new purchase

ALEXANDRA SHULMAN

- *The author is the Editor of* Vogue

JANE BOWN

Alexandra Shulman: "Is it any wonder that I now wear the highest heels in town?"

Addiction is a disease

GENETIC ROOTS

MY BELIEF is that addiction is a disease which is inherited through our genes. I base this on research studies in America by Professor Noble, a geneticist and head of alcohol reseach at UCLA, which show that neurotransmission systems in the brain — which control mood — are defective in some people. This leads to anxiety, depression and emotional emptiness, which provoke an excessive appetite for mood-altering substances, behaviours or relationships.

The theory is supported by studies which show that people with addictions tend to have a family history of substance abuse.

This is not to suggest that environmental factors play no part. Trauma or exposure to substances may bring on addiction, but not everyone becomes an addict, because they lack the inherited neurotransmission disease. For example, research shows a significant correlation between bulimia and sexual abuse. However, while people with inherited addictive tendencies may become bulimic after being abused, those without will cope in other ways.

The standard treatment for most addictions is pharmaceutical. However, the underlying anxiety, depression and emotional "emptiness" are not addressed. I believe that addiction can be overcome only with the help of recovery programmes involving the XII-Step programme first developed by Alcoholics Anonymous. The programme says the only way to overcome addiction is to replace the mood-altering effect of the addictive substance with another activity, and encourages addicts to gain a feeling of reward through helping others in the same position.

DR ROBERT LEFEVER

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Living out an erotic fantasy

SEX

Every sex addict has his own thing, the thing he likes the most, although "like" is hardly the word for the inexorable pull I felt and sought and sometimes still feel. It's as if an electronic magnet in my solar plexus were switched on. At its most intense, I'd go into a kind of trance, dissociated, beamed in from Mars, my mouth dry and my heart pounding. One of my partners once said to me: "You are like another person when we go into sex." That's how I put it, too: *go into* sex. Any way I could get there was fine. But the best way was anonymous sex, with a teenage girl, initiated by a secret touch. I spent most of my adult life in public watching for her, checking every prospect for what I called The Look — pouting, furious, damaged, sullen — short skirts, tight jeans, halter tops, spiked-heel pumps.

When I saw her, it was like getting hit in the face by a door. I'd tie my shoelace or pretend to window-shop trying to catch her eye. On the few occasions I managed to talk to her, I blew it. I became tongue-tied. I felt like a pervert, his evil intent blaring like a bullhorn. Yet I wanted her more than anything, so she stood as a constant reproach because I was obviously not sexy enough or good-looking enough or fearless enough to get her.

I was able to write (from midnight to 6am). I could teach, I could laugh. I could enjoy reading or exercising or cooking, but there was often this thing between me and enjoyment: my thing, the thing I liked the most but never got.

What I got were approximations and compromises — students, strangers, almost anyone who was attracted to me. When I was in the same room with someone I wanted but hadn't had — whatever my relationship to her, her husband, or to anyone else — the social world was a thin, irritating haze covering the real world of sex where we should be together. I wanted to touch her. I wanted to have some part of my body in contact with hers. Sitting at a table, my attention was under the table no matter how engaging the dinner conversation. I always knew where her legs and feet were. There could be looks or words, but looks and words weren't enough for me. The signal had to be palpable. Then I'd store it in my fantasy bank, and sneak in there like a miser to toy with it and shape it into a porno video I'd play over and over again in my mind.

I had always hidden myself from my family. It was not that I wasn't the person my friends knew, but I was also someone else, and not just someone else, *really* someone else, this secret person being the real one.

My primary loyalty was to sex. No human relationship took precedence over it. No marriage, not friendship, and certainly not ethics. When I pressed my knee against an anonymous knee in a movie or on a plane, or tried to hustle someone in a disco, or seduced a student half my age, I knew I'd soon get bored with it.

I thought any man would do what I did if he were powerful enough. Yet since my appetite was infinite, I wasn't nearly powerful enough either. I never got what I *really* wanted, and I hated myself for that, and hated life, and hated myself again for caring about sex more than anything or anybody, including the people I loved. But I couldn't stop. Just as every addict has his own thing, so every addict has his own "bottom", which may well be below death, as it was for my father, who died a practising alcoholic. There's certainly no rational reason why I wasn't killed any number of times — by an outraged husband or father or sexual partner, male or female, or by HIV.

Basics: Stone and Douglas

"I'm alive and I'm not in jail" is sometimes the most one can say after one stops the addictive behaviour and experiences full force the suicidal self-hatred behind such compulsive risk-taking. You marshal all your intelligence and charm and power to keep the addiction alive — if necessary, at the expense of your own life.

The amazing thing is how any addict ever stops before he dies. Getting fired by Princeton did not make me stop. Losing my wife did not make me stop. Risking my life and the lives of my partners did not make me stop.

MICHAEL RYAN

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Dependence has many forms. Physical dependence on a drug is readily recognised. Other people are psychologically dependent on various forms of antisocial patterns of behaviour — extravagant shopping, for example, or gambling, stealing or pyromania.

Patients with these personality disorders have problems with their feelings of self-worth and often can't manage lasting relationships. Their confused spouses, partners, colleagues or parents tend at different times to be either idealised as a saint or portrayed as the prince or princess of darkness. The failure these patients have with their personal life is exacerbated by the difficulty they have in controlling their impulses.

People whose control is sadly lacking may be quite unable to resist temptation. Often the failure in impulse control only applies to one aspect of life. The impulse may be sudden, unpremeditated and opportunistic or it may be planned, with the desire building up for some time, with ever-increasing tension within the patient as it builds. This tension is then dramatically released by the great sense of gratification which is achieved whether it is as a result of a morning's extravagant shopping, an evening's gambling, or a night-time's raid on the local bank.

In some cases a good night's sleep is followed by a sense of guilt and regret and the previously irresistible pair of shoes does not seem quite so desir-

Other patients who have problems in controlling their impulses in fact make great collectors and they continue to experience great pleasure every time they look at, feel or use the goods which have been acquired so impulsively. Doctors are rather pessimistic about their ability to treat those who have failure of impulse control. In some cases their patients fall into the hands of the police or debt collectors, but in those where the tendency is antisocial rather than criminal, the best which can be arranged is psychotherapy designed to give the patient an insight into their own behaviour.

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Two weddings and a cross-country dash

How to get to the church on time in Sussex and Scotland on one day

IT WAS the ultimate social dilemma. Two old friends, two invitations, two weddings — and both on the same day. Worse, they were at opposite ends of the country, one on the Sussex coast, the other 400 miles away in the Scottish Borders. There seemed to be no option open that would not upset someone.

But they did not allow for the anorak cunning of *The Times* transport correspondent. The train timetable revealed that there was a hope, albeit slim, of attending at least part of both sets of nuptials. Mission Impossible? Tom Cruise had nothing on us.

My girlfriend, Sonia, and I arrived for Wedding One, a 1pm church ceremony in an impossibly pretty village. The taxi to rush us to the station was ordered for 1.45pm; the train tickets were in my jacket pocket, everything was under control. The vicar did us a favour, hurtling through the ceremony at breakneck speed in half an hour. A couple of extra hymns and we would have been scuppered.

A quick "official" snap with the newlyweds and off we set, destination Kelso. "Haywards Heath station," I cried. "We've got a wedding to catch!"

This was where the transport expertise had come into its own. While most Haywards Heath trains arrive at Victoria, a handful wriggle their way through central London to King's Cross Thameslink, within a few minutes' walk of the main King's Cross station, where our train for the North was waiting. If we caught the 2.46, and if it arrived on time, we would have 15 minutes to haul our luggage across the Pentonville Road to catch the 4pm Edinburgh express.

But this was all in the future. Back on the A27 the nightmare was coming true. Our taxi was stuck behind a dismally slow lorry on a winding road with no chance of overtaking; the 2.46 was slipping out of reach.

We were saved by the good sense and foresight of whichever Department of Transport official decided to plonk a stretch of dual carriageway on our road. With the lorry disappearing behind us we were safe, for now. On to the three-lane-A23 and Haywards Heath bound. We were now in the hands of British Rail. It was at this stage, as the meter ticked through the £40 barrier, that the full cost of our two-wedding flit began to dawn. Having paid £92 for the two return train tickets to Berwick-upon-Tweed and another expensive cab ride to come, I was not going to see much change from £200. And that was before presents, hotels and the rest.

The taxi delivered us to Haywards Heath with five minutes to spare. The train arrived, departed and reached King's Cross Thameslink bang on time (and with us another £20 poorer). We settled smugly into our reserved seats on the Edinburgh InterCity. The odds on our making Wedding Two, which I had put at no higher than 50-50 at the start of the day, were steadily rising. Unfortunately, so was the temperature: our carriage seemed to be equipped with the wrong kind of air-conditioning — none at all. As the sun blasted through the windows, the train was turning into Britain's fastest greenhouse. We might make it to the wedding all right but in what sort of state? Asking to upgrade to cool first class under the £6 "weekend first" offer was hopeless. The offer was open only to those with standard, saver or super-saver tickets and we were travelling Apex. A quick change in the lavatories to T-shirts and shorts was the only answer.

> Two more hymns, and we would have been lost

Once again, our train did not let us down. We arrived on time at Berwick-upon-Tweed, having changed again somewhere between Newcastle and Durham, and caught a taxi for the reception. At 8.15pm, a mere six-and-a-half-hours after leaving Wedding One, we arrived for the final hours of Wedding Two. Triumphant, but exhausted, we emerged from the cab to be greeted by the bride: "You made it, then. I didn't think you would. Come and have a drink, I think there's some food left somewhere ..."

JONATHAN PRYNN

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Fleur Cowles knows everybody who is anybody and mostly has the photographs to prove it. A saunter through her hallway produces more evidence of a networker par excellence

How to make friends

Fleur Cowles's address book ranges from Marilyn Monroe to Chris Patten. Mary Riddell on the gift of acquiring chums

The name of Fleur Cowles is big in New York, gigantic in Los Angeles and absolutely vast in Texas. I had never heard of her.

Unsurprisingly, she had never heard of me either, although she gallantly pretended otherwise. "I know all about you, and I am SO delighted that you are doing this interview," she said. "I would like to give you a signed copy of my art book — the same one I took to Chris and Lavender last time I was in Hong Kong. Now, what did you say your name was?"

It is not a question she often needs to ask. As her familiarity with the Pattens suggests, Fleur Cowles knows everybody who is anybody and mostly has the photographs to prove it. A saunter through her hallway produces more evidence of a networker par excellence. "This is a painting Salvador Dali and I did together — and there is the Braque model for the ceiling in the Louvre."

Her book, *She Made Friends And Kept Them*, was published last month. A celebration of the chums she has acquired over the years, its clipped style suggests a bumper edition of *Jennifer's Diary* or the Mayfair telephone directory. But then brevity is a must when one's address book ranges from Marilyn Monroe to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

Having done the hall, we are now sitting in the modestly named Great Room of Fleur's London flat, where she hosts her old friend's annual birthday dinner. "Oh yes, I see the Queen Mother regularly. I give her a party every year, right at this table. Of course she has a gin, and she enjoys the company, and — a great honour — she always comes alone. So I have to invite suitable men; not just tokens.

> 'I give the Queen Mother a party every year'

"I had Pavarotti to sing *Happy Birthday* to her, and one time I invited Harold Macmillan. He was 90 and so frail that I thought he'd never make it to London. I kept ringing his secretary and asking how he would get here. He wouldn't go anywhere without his pensioner's ticket because he didn't like paying, but luckily my party was on the day he was made Lord Stockton, so he was in town anyway."

Fleur often drops round for afternoon tea at Clarence House, where she and the Queen Mother ignore the fattening cakes and catch up with old times. "I would never dream of talking to the family, but she talks to me. I don't think she can be very happy. I don't want her ever to die. I couldn't bear to think she wasn't just down the street.

"Another dear, close friend is Prince Rainier. Grace was like a sister; no question. We even had meals in the palace." What, you wonder, is the secret of Fleur's social charm? "Well, anyone who was anyone wanted to know people with three magazines, five newspapers, five TV stations and five radio stations. Power."

Fleur Cowles was born in Boston — possibly in modest circumstances, since she does not care to talk about her background. Chosen as the American Ambassador to the Queen's Coronation, she married the Midwest media tycoon, Mike Cowles, and — unsullied by any journalistic experience — launched and edited a magazine called *Flair*, which he closed a year after its inception.

Furious at the loss of her periodical, which she still mourns like a dead child, she divorced Cowles and married a second millionaire whom she met on a plane while visiting her dear old pal, the Shah of Iran. Tom Meyer, timber magnate and former chairman of the Royal Brompton Hospital, has remained both her husband and very best friend — a true accolade, given the stiff competition.

Fleur has travelled with Monroe, dined with Garbo and sat on the floor of Cary Grant's hotel suite, eating a picnic, after a shower disrupted the al fresco treat he had laid on for her. ("A charming man, except that he was always trying to get me to take LSD. He was a very heavy user, but it never sent him round the bend as it did with most people.")

She has also been entertained by Churchill (adorned only by a bath towel and a cigar when he greeted her), and her dearest girlfriends included Eleanor Roosevelt and Lady Bird Johnson.

One could go on (and Fleur certainly does), without finding a single dull or bitter encounter to mark a life of unsullied matiness. True, her criteria for a good friend seem generous. De Gaulle, for instance, is included, even though their only communication seems to have been her suggesting he did not like Americans and him agreeing before storming out.

But what is one failure in a social round oiled by charm and money? Where, you wonder, does it all come from? "Oh, each of us has it. My husband has plenty of money. I have plenty of money." Hence a London apartment worth millions, a castle in Spain, a New York hotel suite named in her honour and a staff of four to run every residence and update her international address books, colour-coded for each country and filled out in duplicate.

Oxford and Texas Universities have benefited from Fleur's largesse. So have any number of struggling artists. (On abandoning journalism, she took up painting and happily discovered an instant talent for a style called magic realism.) In addition, she designs her own jewellery and has written 20 books. When chums call round, tea is served by her maid from her own-design Limoges porcelain.

Who, you wonder, are the real friends? She mentioned several father-figures and the Barcelona doctor who saved her life when her heart complaint was bad. She also talked effusively about a foreign ambassadress ("My dearest friend: we're close, close, close") but then phoned in a great flap afterwards to ask for her name to be deleted, in case the rest of this woman's family were offended by their omission.

She is aware of the slight difference between friend and benefactor. "I was born with the gift of making instant friends. I write regularly; if they're in financial trouble, I'll give. I've made many of the greatest painters; bought their pictures, sponsored their shows, discovered them."

Ah, friendship. Who can really explain it, except to say that the size of one's address book seems not unrelated to the size of one's cheque book. But that would not be quite fair, for Fleur Cowles, while a little starstruck, is really a very charming woman. And generous to a fault.

In the end she gave me two books. "A personal inscription, I think," she said, flourishing a fountain pen. "Now, how do you spell your first name?" After three tries and much crossing-out, we got it right and she asked me to come back for tea. I'm sure we'll stay friends.

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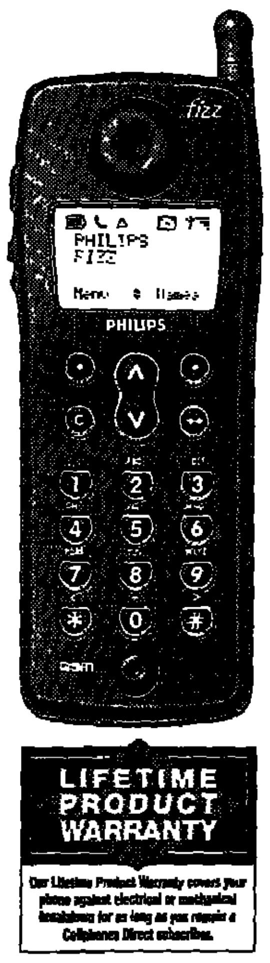

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Showdown at the single currency corral

Anatole Kaletsky on the markets, the central bankers and the politicians

Will the Bundesbank try one last time to sabotage European monetary union? This is the question on everybody's lips in the financial markets, and it may be the first item on the political agenda as British and European politicians return from their holidays. The past few days have seen a resurgence of the idea that the German central bank — or at least an unholy alliance of monetarists, nationalists and politically motivated Social Democrats on its 16-member governing council — is preparing to mount a last-ditch defence of the integrity of the mark.

Speculators have been burnt again and again in their efforts to prise the mark away from the French franc and so destroy the dream of monetary union. And as January 1, 1999, draws ever closer, the chances of a successful market challenge to monetary union seemed to be receding. Yet in the past few weeks, the markets' complacency has suddenly been shaken — as has the confidence of European integrationists in Paris, Brussels and Bonn. Inspired by a combination of French economic weakness and political intriguing against the Banque de France in Paris, the markets have launched another speculative sortie against the *franc fort*. So far, the attack has been minor, and it could be attributed to nothing more sinister than the boredom of currency traders during a quiet August, spiced up with some rumours from Paris about a campaign by the Elysée Palace to destabilise Jean-Claude Trichet, the Governor of the Banque de France.

M Trichet has been linked repeatedly in French newspapers with criminal irregularities in various banks during the late 1980s, when he was the official ultimately in charge of bank regulation. These stories are generally assumed to have been leaked by the Elysée Palace as a warning shot against M Trichet, who was repeatedly reminded by M Chirac during last year's presidential election campaign that the ultimate responsibility for France's economic policy rests with the President, not the central bank. Since M Trichet is widely seen in France as the staunchest defender of the *franc fort* and a close personal firend of Hans Tietmeyer, the president of the German central bank, these press stories have naturally rebounded against the franc.

The flurry of speculation could all blow away like a summer storm — indeed this seems to be what many of the most important market operators seem to be assuming at present. But if the selling of the franc continues and begins to gather momentum — and this is quite likely, given the growing evidence of a genuine rift between M Trichet and President Chirac — the implications will be momentous for France, Germany and Europe, and not least for the people who started all the trouble, the 16 middle-aged men who run the Bundesbank.

Why blame the Bundesbank for an outbreak of market hostility apparently precipitated by political intriguing in Paris? Because the real economic causes of the chronic speculation against the franc are located in Frankfurt, not Paris, and because the rift between the French President and his central bank is just a mirror image of more important political divisions among the central bankers and politicians in Germany.

To look first at the economics, the key problem faced by the franc and other European currencies still tied to Germany in the European exchange-rate mechanism is that the Bundesbank appears to be willing to condemn Germany to a long period of extremely sluggish growth and high unemployment. It does not seem to be concerned about the overvaluation of the mark against the dollar, the yen, sterling and other international currencies and the consequent flight of industrial capital and jobs out of Germany. In part this lack of concern stems from a genuine belief that German industry is able to hold its own against the world regardless of labour costs which are between 30 and 50 per cent higher than in other advanced industrialised countries such as America and Japan.

The Bundesbank's belief in the innate superiority of German industry — much of it based on the performance of declining manufacturing industries in which other countries do not even bother to compete — is reminiscent of the complacency displayed by the Bank of Japan and the Japanese industrial establishment in the early 1990s. But this ominous comparison makes no impression on the self-confidence of German public and political opinion, still mesmerised by the myth of the *Wirtschaftswunder* of the 1950s.

For France, however, the Bundesbank's acceptance of low growth and an overvalued currency is unacceptable. French industrialists see all too clearly the competitive challenge from America and the Far East, not to mention Italy, Spain and Britain: but they do not enjoy the temporary advantage of Germany's export-orientated industrial structure, which makes it possible to maintain export growth for many years, despite an overvalued currency.

> In Europe, monetary policy is a form of war by other means

The markets know this perfectly well, and therefore tend to attack the franc every time the mark strengthens against the dollar and other currencies. And it is precisely this conjuncture that the Bundesbank has now managed to create.

Three weeks ago, Herr Tietmeyer led the markets to expect a cut in German interest rates and therefore a weakening of the mark. The Bundesbank council then refused to make such an adjustment, triggering a flight into the mark from the dollar, the yen and other European currencies. The market suspicion is that this chain of events was no coincidence. Herr Tietmeyer appeared to be overruled by the Bundesbank faction that still wants to sabotage monetary union.

In the next few days, events will either confirm or refute these suspicions. At the Bundesbank's council meeting in ten days' time, Herr Tietmeyer will have another chance to argue for a small cut in interest rates, which would signal to the markets that Germany does not want the mark to rise further against the franc. But if there is no such gesture from Frankfurt, the speculators could well declare another open season on the franc. M Trichet at the Banque de France would then have to defend the *franc fort* with higher interest rates.

To judge by last week's warning shots against M Trichet, President Chirac would not take kindly to this — perhaps calculating that he could instead go over the Bundesbank's head and make a political deal to save monetary union directly with Helmut Kohl. The stage would be set for another great battle between the politicians, central bankers and the markets. In Europe today monetary policy is a continuation of war by other means. We can only hope that this battle will be the last.

Michael Portillo answers critics, including Tories, of the demonisation of new Labour

The eyes have it — not the lips

The Conservative Party's campaign to win the next election has two vital components. The first is to emphasise the achievements of our years in government and our plans to carry forward our programme. The second is to make plain to people the risk to the nation's success that "new" Labour represents.

Daily, this Government announces new policies and initiatives that will make life better in our country. I recently announced £4 billion of new defence contracts, which will both ensure that we can defend ourselves in the future, and provide a boost to jobs in our world-class defence industries. Last week, Peter Lilley introduced innovative methods of ensuring that taxpayers' money is spent in looking after the most needy in our society, rather than frittered away on benefit fraudsters. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, is introducing a wide range of new policies to protect the public from criminals; John Gummer has announced new targets for protecting our environment, and so it goes on.

Every day that passes, we are taking forward our positive ideas, based on firm principles that have served our country well during these last 17 years. We know what we stand for, we know what we want our country to achieve, and we are implementing policies to build on our success.

The results speak for themselves. World opinion now praises our economy as being the most successful in Europe. We are well placed to meet the challenges that the new millennium will bring.

Within a year, the country will have the opportunity to choose the government that will lead Britain into that new millennium. Voters will be offered the chance to replace this successful Conservative Government with a Labour administration. Because the stakes are so high, it is more important than ever that the electorate should be in a position to make a well-informed choice.

The "new" Labour Party hides behind smiles and soundbites. But new Labour promises new taxes, new powers to trade unions, new powers to Brussels and new constitutional upheaval. That is why a month or so ago the Conservative Party began its "New Labour — New Danger" advertising campaign. I can understand why some people, including some Conservative MPs, regret that we have to mount a campaign that attacks our opponents. But we have to expose the reality and make the dangers clear.

New Labour, to Clare Short's horror, has become obsessed with instant reactions to the advice of admen and focus groups. That leads Mr Blair to use words that appeal to everyone, but which tell us nothing about what Labour would do in office. Favourite adjectives are "new", "young" and "fair". Everyone wants a "fair" Britain, but views about what is fair vary. Clare Short thinks that it means higher taxes for those on £30,000 a year. Does Mr Blair agree?

The fatuous use of language by the Labour Party, and the reduction of complex thoughts to soundbites and even monosyllables, insults the electorate, whether or not it misleads it.

The Conservatives have to reveal what lies beneath. Clare Short received enough votes to place her third in the Shadow Cabinet poll, so her views clearly represent a majority in the Parliamentary Labour Party. And since Ms Short knows Mr Blair a good deal better than most of us, her mistrust of him and belief that he is manipulated by "the people who live in the dark" ought to weigh with us.

New Labour's desire to avoid real issues was demonstrated by a report in Sunday's *Observer*. "Signs of recovery in the economy, house prices and consumer confidence are now apparent. [This] has prompted Mr Blair to appoint one of his young MPs, Alan Milburn, to the task of undermining Tory claims of a sustainable recovery." This is the first time in British political history that a party has created a spokesman whose job it is to undermine the national morale.

At the beginning of our summer campaign, we developed a pictorial representation of the new danger posed by new Labour. It is the pair of red eyes, eyeing your money, your job and your mortgage.

When Clare Short gave her interview to the *New Statesman*, she broke new ground. Not in living memory had any senior serving party spokesman attacked the party leader so clearly and so frontally. Her leader was being manipulated, she said.

Our response wrote itself. Mr Blair's face is the face of new Labour. His is the smile of reassurance. From his lips come the ear-pleasing soundbites. On the face of new Labour we put the red eyes symbolising danger.

It is a graphic image to warn voters that they should listen not only to what they hear from Mr Blair, but also to what they hear from those who know him and know what is being done to him: to heed the words of Clare Short.

The author is Secretary of State for Defence.

Under our starless skies

Light pollution has obscured the stars and all that they signify

Libby Purves

We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars. When Oscar Wilde tossed that immortal scrap into *Lady Windermere's Fan*, it was 1891. A century later, the image does not work. Any part of Britain sophisticated enough to have gutters will have no view whatsoever of the stars: it will be so garishly overlit that even Venus cannot compete, let alone the Milky Way. The prospect from the average gutter by night is of a neon and sodium haze pierced by golden McDonald's arches, improbable pink skyscrapers, winking corporate logos, the floodlit dereliction of construction sites and the surly, fearful rottweiler-lights of nervous householders.

It is called "light pollution", and is not confined to cities. On a clear night, a satellite picture of mainland Britain shows very few areas which do not glare relentlessly at the sky: darkness rules only over Dartmoor, parts of Cornwall and Wales, the Yorkshire Moors, bits of Lincolnshire, slivers of East Anglia, the Border Country and the Highlands of Scotland. Over the greater part of the land, sprawling conurbations, suburbs, motorways, public buildings, bridges and industrial sites surround themselves with garish lighting. Most of it is so badly designed that it throws nearly as much light upwards as downwards. Against this, even the brightest moon is an anaemic anachronism, and the stars have no chance at all.

There are industrial farms with cold sad lighting along their grim aisles and barns; power stations shine across tracts of wild coast, rural housing estates install bright suburban lighting as a matter of course. Even old villages, where inhabitants for centuries passed quietly through the night with lanterns, have street lighting imposed on them by fussy councils. Householders, conned by the industry, surround their homes with ultra-bright "security" lights, which actually (as even the Home Office Crime Prevention Unit admits) make life easier for burglars, who can move freely around in the deep shadows at the edges of these blinding corridors. Yet 20 years ago it was a commonplace of village life that you did not go down the lane after dusk without slipping a torch in your pocket; as for outside lighting, few people bothered to switch on the dim iron lantern in the porch unless they positively expected company. It was a velvet, solemn darkness that fell each night: a full moon gave useful light as well as inspiration, a distant lighthouse might loom beyond the cliffs, and the church tower's shape carved a black ancient shape against the stars.

There are still such villages, but they grow rarer every year and most of them have a view of something overlit. If they are lucky, at least it is only the church floodlit into Disneyland unreality, the fretful flashing of security lamps and the Big House's electronically triggered runway-style drive lights. If they are unlucky, they have some more obtrusive glare on the horizon, ensuring that no star can be seen until it is at its zenith. London blots out most of the stars for 50 miles around it, and tens of millions of homes will never — short of a catastrophic national power cut — lie naked to a real night sky. Thus, in cities and in the countryside, we have lost something precious without ever deciding to. The stars have been taken from us by default.

These things have been pointed out energetically for some years now by the UK Dark Skies campaign, by the British Astronomical Association and by the Council for the Protection of Rural England. Even the Government's own Rural White Paper last year mentioned the value of wild unlit landcape. However, regulation and law never caught up with technology, and light is still not regulated as a pollutant or something that needs planning permission. This is historically understandable: electric light is a very new commodity and a marvellous one. There is no point being stupidly romantic: the generations who lived perforce with fragile gas-mantles, smelly paraffin or guttering candles would fall about laughing at the idea of the blessed electric light ever becoming regarded as a pollutant. Nor can the Second World War blackouts have helped; when Vera Lynn sang "When the lights go on again all over the world", it was something devoutly to be wished for.

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Europe by night, glaring back at the stars

But now they have, and we have to acknowledge that overlighting is worse than a nuisance. The Dark Skies lobby is right (even if its name does make it sound disconcertingly like something in one of Dr Brian Mawhinney's B-movie election campaigns). Its voice should be listened to more attentively: and particularly now, because it transpires that large tranches of the money released into potty projects by the National Lottery will go to increase and intensify this plague of man-made light. Floodlighting public structures — usually in chemical-sweetie colours — is one of the current vogues of authorities and companies, and of the kind of "artist" who is never happier than when blowing several millions of someone else's money. The Millennium Commission in particular is bombarded with requests for money to light up skyscrapers, city centres, bridges, everything.

Croydon's planned "Skyline" project will have bright pink and purple buildings; already approved is a blaze of laser luridity over Portsmouth Harbour, and all over the country churches and castles are considered incomplete without a set of ugly lamps on gantries pointing up at them, as if they were Dame Barbara Cartlands unwilling to be photographed without their personal uplighter to smooth out the wrinkles. Sometimes this backfires: take, for instance, Caernarvon Castle, which is twenty times as impressive on the nights when the toy-fort lighting fails and it broods black and grim over the Seiont River. But as the money sloshes aimlessly around the lottery system, and there is are no more big new buildings to sop it up, there will be more and more of this useless lighting-up of existing ones. Of course it will be pretty at first, and a novelty; but we will grow sick of it, and the pinks and purples and virulent greens will blaze on for far too many hours each night, and we will be wretched, without quite knowing why, as the stars vanish and leave us in our swamp of neurotic pagan vainglory.

It is not just the wastefulness that so dismays, although it is wasteful. Nor is it just the ill-effects of unnatural light on wildlife, although when the Sizewell B reactor site was throwing a hideous glare over this part of Suffolk there was serious concern at the Minsmere bird reserve over baffled migrants and disrupted nesting patterns. Nor is it just the effect on the science of astronomy — which has always depended partly on enthusiastic amateurs at home. Least of all is it a mere case of sniffy middle-class aesthetic values, as expressed by those of us who can afford to nip off to Provence or Tuscany for the holidays if we want to see Orion and the Pleïades.

No: beyond all these things, it matters at a deeper level. A religious level, if you like; romantic, if you prefer to sneer. I honestly believe that obscuring the night sky from the majority of people in Britain will have — is having — a negative, depressing, dangerous effect. I say plainly that I believe that in a deep and primitive way, these heavenly bodies have always served an essential psychological purpose for human beings, and that I would be very unhappy to allow a child to grow up, or an adult to live permanently, in circumstances that make it impossible to see the moon and stars overarching the workaday world on a cold, clear night.

There you are: cards on the table. I stand unveiled as a New Age loony. The lighting industry and the municipal meddlers can dismiss me and blaze on, resisting all attempts to reform road lighting designs, limit the hours of corporate dazzle to early evening, and explode the fallacy that what is neon-lit is somehow safe. They can carry on until all Britain glows unhealthily, all round the clock.

Unless, of course, enough of us feel moved — or inspired by a holiday glimpse of stars — to annoy our MPs and councillors on the subject and keep telling them that it is stupid to squander a new blessing so recklessly that we deprive ourselves of a far older one.

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Slim margin

WEIGHT TROUBLE has hit Miss Universe. The Venezuelan Alicia Machado was awarded the title in May this year, when she was a trim 8st 1lb. Soon afterwards, however, a televised interview revealed that she may have overfeasted on the fatty shank of victory.

The Miss Venezuela Institute hauled her in to be weighed. The scales told the story: more than 9st. "Those six kilos are not good for the image of Miss Universe," she was told. "They will have to go."

"We're always very watchful," says Ivan Martinez of the Institute. "We didn't give her orders, we gave her suggestions." The suggestions included rigorous sessions in the Iron People gym with Patricia Ferber, a former Venezuelan bodybuilding champion.

These will start on Tuesday, as soon as Miss Machado returns to Caracas after filming swimsuit advertisements in Los Angeles. Ferber sounds maternal when discussing her ward. "She has no weight problems," she rumbles. "She is a very disciplined girl."

Before the competition, Miss Machado lost 18lb by forswearing ice-cream and arepas (buttery maize pancakes), and by submitting to four hours of daily exercise and a straitened diet of chicken, fish, fruit, vegetables and water.

Too much of a good thing

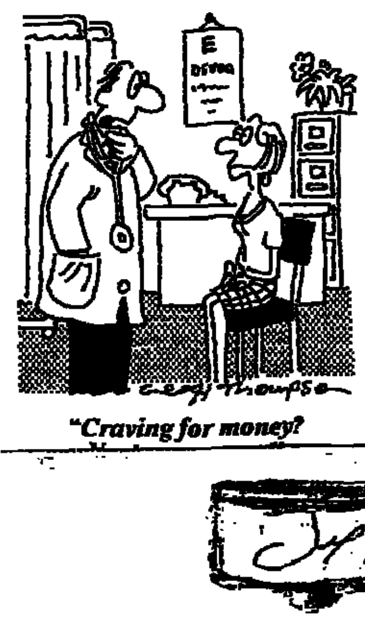
● *Sir Tim Rice, lyricist and mid-*

Nashville, Tennessee. He intends to master the hayseed arts of country and western music as guest of a band called the Mavericks. I've often wondered about his exceedingly tight trousers.

Pong protest

STEER CLEAR of Westminster at lunchtime tomorrow. A protest group accompanied by a town cryer will be making its way to the Department of the Environment to present a frightful bucket of decomposing offal to John Gummer, the Environment Secretary. Its leader will come dressed as the stinking Titan Arum lily, which repelled the visitors it attracted to Kew recently.

"The bucket will be sealed until we reach the steps of the department," says Margaret Brown (the Titan Arum), "then we will cause a stink all over Whitehall." The protest by residents of Torrington in Devon concerns the obnoxious smell of a local rendering plant.



"Craving for money?

Curry favours

AS SOON AS Gopalkrishna Gandhi, Mahatma's grandson, had

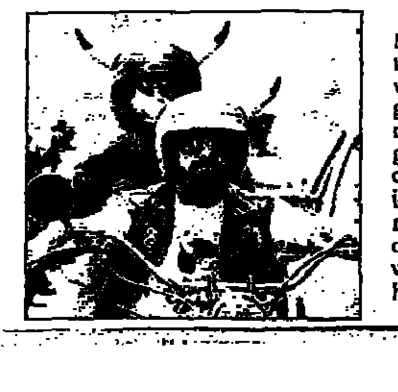
dent Mandela as India's new Ambassador to South Africa, he took himself off for an eye-watering curry.

He hosted a celebratory lunch at a restaurant called the Raj. One guest commented that the food served there was an "Anglicised version of Indian food". Mr Gandhi, however, was delighted with the splendours of the tandoor.

Bike on

HELL'S ANGELS are tearing their beards out over a psychedelic musical which opens at a small West London theatre this month. They have threatened legal action to ensure that *Kiss the Sky* doesn't show them in a poor light.

References to Hell's Angels in the piece, written by Jim Cartwright, were deemed inappropriate by lawyers representing the hairy minority. The Bush Theatre then found that the name Hell's Angels was not registered under any copyright. But perhaps fearing that the bikers might bring monkey-wrenches instead of lawyers to the negotiating table, the management agreed to delete the word Hell's from the script and refer only to Angels. Yesterday, the Angels were on the road, unavailable for comment. Thank goodness.



Wearing thin

MATERNITY WEAR is beginning to exercise women priests. In this week's *Church Times*, the issue is given lengthy coverage. "Clerical maternity wear remains thin on the ground," explains the paper. "A cassock or alb — at first sight the ideal cover-up — will in reality ride up several inches at the front over an expanding bump." Suitable weekday wear is apparently even harder to come by.

"You're joking," said the manag-

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of cassocks to clergymen. "I don't know how many clergywomen are of child-bearing age. But I expect they will go and buy skirts from Mothercare, and wear looser clerical blouses on top. A lot of ours are deliberately cut loosely, anyway. Perhaps they could wear dungarees."